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(CSL) Carlisle Motion Control to Open New Facility

Syracuse, New York, March 19, 2001 . . . Carlisle Companies Incorporated (NYSE:CSL) announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Carlisle Motion Control Industries, intends to open a new friction material manufacturing facility in South Hill, Virginia. Slated to open in late 2001, this facility will initially employ under 110 people and apply the company's proprietary production technology. This will enable Carlisle to add needed capacity for its core friction business while expanding efforts to lower manufacturing costs.

This new manufacturing facility will be located close to the company's current high-volume friction plant (located in Fredericksburg, Virginia) and the Carlisle Research and Development Center (located in Charlottesville, Virginia). The key factors in selecting South Hill as the plant site were the availability of a highly productive work force and support of the local community, as well as location.

Carlisle's market leadership in friction products is fueled by technological advancements generated by the R&D technical center. Carlisle will utilize this proprietary friction technology at the new South Hill plant. Carlisle Motion Control also operates manufacturing facilities in Ridgeway, Pennsylvania; Brantford, Ontario, Canada; Pittsburg, Kansas; Stockton, California and Nampa, Idaho.

Carlisle Motion Control Industries has been a QS 9000/ISO 9001 certified company since 1997; manufacturing and marketing heavy duty, brake linings for vehicles in class sizes six through eight, spring brakes and Altec™ remanufactured brake shoes.

Carlisle Companies, Inc. is a diversified manufacturer of products serving construction materials, industrial components, automotive components and general industry markets.

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