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First Companies Completes Two Major Construction Projects on Patterson Avenue

Continuing development of industrial and manufacturing buildings near the airport

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First Companies announced today the company has completed construction on two new buildings along Patterson Avenue SE, near the Gerald R. Ford International airport, for ETO MAGNETIC CORP. and Gourmet International. Continuing a four-decade history of development around the airport, First Companies delivered an 82,000 square foot building for ETO MAGNETIC CORP. and 124,000 square feet of space for Gourmet International, giving both companies much needed space and room for future growth.

“First Companies began developing land near the airport in the early 1970s and continues to support industrial and manufacturing businesses looking to locate or expand in this area,” commented Craig Baker, President, First Companies. *“My dad, Jerry Baker, initially foresaw the need in the airport area, and today we are pleased to meet the needs of companies like ETO MAGNETIC CORP. and Gourmet International as well as many other businesses looking to buy, build or lease space.”*

“As our local operations continued to grow, we needed to evaluate our space requirements and decided to build. This location was ideal as it is right down the street from the previous office and will allow us to double our footprint as needed in the future,” stated Michael Ignaczak, President, ETO MAGNETIC CORP.

“As a food importer and distributor, we stock over 3,000 different items at any given time. We needed more space in a temperature controlled environment with easy access for delivery trucks. After several expansions in our previous building, our continued growth eventually necessitated a move to the new location,” commented Michael Nitzsche, President, Gourmet International.

Both buildings were ground-up construction projects, completed by First Companies, with unique building requirements for manufacturing and inventory storage, including energy efficient features, with additional space and land to support future expansion.

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About First Companies

First Companies, Inc. offers commercial real estate, construction and property management services in Michigan and surrounding areas. For nearly 50 years, the company has built a reputation for creating exceptional physical spaces where businesses thrive – offering vast expertise from locating and developing land, and facilitating the sale or lease of properties, to all aspects of construction, and providing ongoing property management and maintenance for building owners. First Companies is unique in its cross-disciplinary approach and frequently participates as an investor in new projects, pulling together different investment groups depending on the short- and longer-term needs of the customer. The company is well-known for its ethics, integrity and creative problem solving, with highly-experienced professionals on staff in each business area – all under one roof.

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