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## Governor Patrick Announces \$1.3 Million Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Grant

### Animat-USA Production Facility Will Receive Funds to Boost the Local Economy

AYER - Friday, June 13, 2008 - Governor Deval Patrick today announced the Animat-USA Production Facility in Ayer will receive a \$1.3 million Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) jobs grant to extend the public sewer line, a public infrastructure improvement, leading to the creation of over 70 new jobs and increasing the likelihood that other large companies can locate there.

"The grants support partnerships between local municipalities and private investors to create new jobs," said Governor Deval Patrick. "I am proud our administration can partner with cities and towns in this way to help both the state and local economies flourish."

The announcement comes after Governor Patrick laid out his economic stimulus plan to create a culture of opportunity focused on restrained spending with immediate and long-term investments, while preparing for the impacts of a softening national economy. The MORE Jobs Program is another tool to help the administration stimulate economy growth across the state.

"This grant will aid in the expansion of the Animat-USA facility and therefore support the creation of more than 50 new jobs in the Town of Ayer," said Senator Pamela P. Resor. "As the chair of the Environment Committee, I am delighted to see industries using recycled materials in this type of 'zero-waste' manufacturing process."

The Animat-USA Production Facility project will improve the existing public infrastructure by extending the sewer lines making it possible for other large companies to locate to the area. Because Animat-USA recycles scrap tires to produce high quality rubber mats for the farm industry, it needs to have large enough sewer lines to operate within environmental specifications. Enhancements accomplished with the MORE jobs grant will not only create over 70 new jobs, but will enable this company to achieve a "zero waste" environmental solution to its manufacturing process.

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