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AKG GRAND OPENING

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Governor Mike Rounds congratulates AKG owners Christianne Pietzcker, Harwig Pietzcker and Sr. Consultant Dieter Reichel on the facility.



Pictures from left to right are Pat Essig (MADC President), Dr. Bodo Marquardt (AKG VP - Managing Director), Dieter Reichel (AKG Sr. Consultant), Governor Mike Rounds, Christianne Pietzcker and son Hatwig Pietzcker (Owners), Mitchell Mayor Alice Claggett and Wolfgang Dailmann (AKG plant manager).

GRAND OPENING OF AKG MIDWEST

A grand opening was held on Wednesday, March 1st for AKG Midwest of Mitchell. AKG Group, a manufacturer of cooling and heat exchangers based in Germany, opened its second U.S. plant in Mitchell. The new division, AKG Midwest Inc., will create 100 to 160 jobs with a capital investment in excess of \$7 million over the next three years.

“AKG is a world class company that employs more than 2,000 people worldwide,” said Gov. Mike Rounds. “The fact that AKG selected South Dakota as home for its new division shows that South

Dakota is one of the best places to do business. South Dakota offers some of the most productive, dedicated and prepared workers the world can offer.”

“The cooperation between the government of South Dakota and the local authorities is excellent,” said Dr. Bodo Marquardt, managing director of AKG. “AKG hopes that the relationship between South Dakota, Mitchell and AKG will, in the future, bring profit to the state, the people and our company,” he concluded.

The event was attended by over 200 people who met company officials and saw first hand the products that AKG Midwest manufactures.