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Redford — Today, the Redford Township Board of Trustees approved an application made by Mercedes-Benz Hybrid LLC (MBH) for a PA198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption associated with a potential investment at its Detroit Diesel campus. MBH is a subsidiary of Daimler AG and will develop and maintain a line of conventional and alternative propulsion powertrain systems in a new, permanent research and development facility in Redford Township. The application was approved to support the final investment decision being made by the company.

“We’re very excited about the possibility of launching this Center in Southeast Michigan,” said Judy Brunson, Operations Officer at MBH, “the support from the respective State, County and Township governments was instrumental in helping us make the final decision. This will be another center of engineering excellence for the Daimler organization, which continues to lead industry innovation.”

Wayne County facilitated the formation of the incentive package with the state of Michigan in partnership MBH. “This is another sign that we are continuing to grow into the international center of energy excellence (ICEE) as a result of leveraging our strengths in the automotive industry,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “We look forward to a long term flourishing partnership with quality stakeholders that will bring forth the next generation of automotive vehicles.”

Redford Township supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz underscored the commitment to the project by saying, “the products and components that will be developed by MBH in Redford Township will truly be the future of technology in the automotive industry.”

The center will be structured as a fully operational Mercedes-Benz Research & Development Engineering Center for Powertrains USA and will be responsible for developing conventional and alternative propulsion powertrains and components including EMotors, power electronics and supporting software technology. The Center will employ highly technical, experienced engineers and technicians.

The PA198 application covers an investment of capital equipment for the new facility of \$2.3 million. Looking forward, the new Daimler R & D Center will bring a highly skilled technical workforce to Redford Township which will positively augment the existing workforce in Southeast Michigan.