PLANT ACQUIRES NEW IBERIA SITE

Signing Ceremony Held at Airport Facility

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NEW IBERIA, La. — Several industrial leaders and public officials were on hand here Wednesday for the signing of contracts which completed the acquisition of an Otis International Inc. plant site.

The company, a Dallas-based manufacturer of custom-designed houses, is in the process of occupying the 90,000-square-foot facility at Acadiana Regional Airport in New Iberia.

The site was acquired for an undisclosed amount from the Iberia Parish police jury through the Iberia Industrial Development Board Inc.

Otis International president Herbert Otis Jr., who was present for the signing, pointed out that the plant is scheduled to begin operations in April. The locating of the plant in New Iberia has created 150 new jobs and a first-year payroll of $350,000 for local residents, he noted.

Present for the signing for Otis International were John Trice, corporate secretary and attorney; Henry Leighton Jr., executive assistant, and corporate attorney Robert Mellon.

Representing the Industrial Development Board were Edward M. Simmons, president, and Leon Roy Jr., legal advisor.

Attending for the police jury were Ernest Fauquier, president; Knowles Tucker, legal advisor, and Ernest Freyou, secretary.

Also present were Myles Morrison, economic development specialist for the State Department of Commerce and Industry, and Jacob Landry, attorney representing Gulf South Research Institute, former lessor of the facility.