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## **CONTECH COMMITS JOBS AND WORLD HEADQUARTERS TO PORTAGE.**

**PORTAGE, MI.** — The Hinman Company is pleased to announce that CONTECH US LLC has named 950 Trade Centre Way as the new location for its World Headquarters. CONTECH was recently acquired from SPX by Marathon Automotive Group.

Rich MacDonald, Chief Operating Officer of The Hinman Company says; “We were pleased to play a role in retaining CONTECH’s world headquarters in the City of Portage. We believe the central (local and regional) location of the Trade Centre along with being able to easily accommodate future plans for CONTECH’s growth played a major role in their decision.”

950 Trade Centre Way is the second AA office building in the Trade Centre Development along I-94 and S. Westnedge in Portage to be co-developed by local developers Roger Hinman of The Hinman Company and Joe Gesmundo of AVB Construction. The first building, 750 Trade Centre Way is fully occupied and the home of Plante & Moran and a division Stryker. CONTECH will occupy just over 17,000 square feet of space in the new building. Greg Dobson of AVB Construction adds, “In addition to the large 27,000 square foot floor plates that can easily accommodate larger users all on one floor, the 950 building will also feature a fitness room available for use by all of the employees within the building, which is a real selling point for us these days with businesses promoting healthy employees.”

Mark Hunter, President of CONTECH says; “This location will help us meet our goals for future growth and expansion. We are excited to be moving to The Trade Centre. We had considered many different options when determining our real estate needs and are confident that we have made the right decision.” CONTECH employs approximately 65 employees here in the City of Portage and expects that number to increase as their business grows.

Peter Strazdas, City of Portage Mayor says; “This is certainly great news and reinforces the commitments that the City of Portage continues to make within the City in order to attract and retain the very best companies and employees. Contech could have chosen a number of other cities for their new headquarters, but we are very pleased that they will be staying in the City of Portage.”

CONTECH, U.S. LLC, a subsidiary of Marathon Automotive Group, is an industry leader in complex, lightweight cast components and tubular products for the automotive and heavy truck industry. The Marathon Automotive Group is a team of highly-experienced management professionals focused on operational excellence in the automotive and heavy truck markets. The CONTECH/Marathon Automotive vision is to substantially grow the company through organic growth and targeted acquisitions.

Founded in 1977 by Roger E. Hinman, The Hinman Company is a commercial real estate investment, development, management, and leasing company. The Hinman Company has established a diverse portfolio of office, retail and residential properties. Today, The Hinman Company is proud to own and manage several million square feet of space in the Midwest, including 2.8 million square feet in Michigan.

AVB Construction provides construction management and general contractor services for construction and development projects throughout Southwest Michigan.

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