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Daikin Meets with Congress Members to Affirm Commitment to U.S. Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 30, 2016 – Select members of the Daikin North America LLC (DNA) leadership team traveled to the nation’s capital recently to meet with top United States Congressional representatives. The Daikin delegation affirmed the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) company’s multimillion dollar commitment to manufacturing in the United States.

Goodman Manufacturing – a member of Daikin Group which acquired the HVAC company in 2012 – recently began producing air conditioning and heating units at its brand new, \$417 million state-of-the-art campus near Houston. The Daikin leaders met with Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, Senator Ted Cruz, member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Representative Michael McCaul, Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

“The new Daikin Texas Technology Park will be the base to generate a new HVAC culture and create value-added Goodman products for the United States market from a place where HVAC originated,” Goodman CEO and President Takeshi Ebisu told the Congress members.

Up to 5,000 people are expected to work at the sprawling new facility – large enough to shelter 74 football fields under one roof.

“We will contribute in the U.S. economy by restoring American manufacturing competency and becoming a new base for manufacturing capabilities in this country,” Ebisu said.

Ebisu was joined by Lawrence M. Blackburn, Goodman EVP and president Goodman business unit, Nathan Walker, Goodman SVP, Eddie Acai, corporate interpreter, and Kurt Heim, director strategic planning for Goodman.

The overarching message Daikin brought to Washington: the HVAC company aims to be a trusted community partner and well-respected leader while pursuing socially responsible policies.

Ebisu said Daikin will achieve that objective by leveraging and applying energy-saving technologies, manufacturing innovation, quality assurance and corporate responsibility initiatives that include “people-centered management.”

The Daikin meetings in Washington, D.C. also relayed a commitment to build relationships with local communities, government, industry and academia as part of the company’s mission to contribute to the U.S. economy in a sustainable manner, explained Ebisu.

Daikin Industries, Ltd. is one of the world’s largest manufacturers of indoor heating/cooling systems and refrigerants for energy-efficient products serving residential, commercial and industrial customers across the world.

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Photo 1 (left to right)
Lawrence Blackburn, Goodman EVP and president Goodman business unit;
Takeshi Ebisu, Goodman CEO and president;
U.S. Senator John Cornyn;
Nathan Walker, Goodman SVP.



Photo 2 (left to right)
Kurt Heim, director strategic planning, Goodman;
Eddie Acai, corporate interpreter;
Lawrence Blackburn, Goodman EVP and president Goodman business unit;
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About Daikin

Daikin Industries, Ltd. (DIL) is a Fortune 1000 company with more than 50,000 employees worldwide, and is recognized as one of the largest HVAC manufacturers in the world. Daikin North America LLC (DNA) is a subsidiary of DIL. DNA and its affiliates manufacture heating and cooling systems for residential, commercial and industrial use and are sold via a select group of independent HVAC contractors. DIL manufacturing operations include facilities at Houston, TX, Fayetteville, TN, and Dayton, TN. For additional information, visit www.daikinac.com and www.daikincomfort.com.

About Goodman

A member of the DAIKIN group, Houston-based Goodman Manufacturing Company, L.P. is a leading manufacturer of heating, ventilation and air conditioning products for residential and light commercial use. Goodman's products are predominantly sold through company-operated and independent distribution networks, with more than 1,000 total distribution points throughout North America. For more information, visit www.goodmanmfg.com.

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