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### **WHITMORE MANUFACTURING ADDS 100,000 SF TO FACILITY IN ROCKWALL**

ROCKWALL, Texas – April 10, 2012 – The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation has secured a business contract to expand a long time Rockwall manufacturer of specialized lubricants, coatings and sealants, The Whitmore Manufacturing Company. The expansion will be located on the north side of Justin Road, west of Industrial and one mile north of Interstate 30. The expansion will include a new office area, production area and warehouse for a total addition of approximately 100,000 SF. Additional site improvements include a roadway, fire lane and truck parking. “We are very pleased to make this announcement. Our Rockwall headquarters will double in size to more than 200,000 SF. We will also be making numerous improvements to our existing facility,” said Jeff Kilpatrick, President & CEO of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company.

Since 1982, Whitmore and its employees have been proud to call Rockwall “home”. Sales and earnings at Whitmore have experienced double-digit growth in recent years and are forecasted to continue at that rate into the future. This growth has required Whitmore to invest in new technology and automation and expand their current facility. The company anticipates adding 20 to 40 employees over the next three to five years.

“Making certain that our existing businesses are happy in Rockwall and helping them expand when they outgrow their current facility is job one for the REDC. We have a great partnership with Whitmore’s and congratulate them on their continued success.” said Sheri Franza, President and CEO of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation. “We’re pleased that Whitmore has decided to grow with Rockwall and will continue to make Rockwall their business home.”



Whitmore proposes to invest more than \$20 million in the expansion. “This is a win-win for Whitmore and the City of Rockwall. Whitmore will be positioned for increased production, expanded R&D and far greater manufacturing capabilities. Our partnership with the REDC is a great example of how to grow economic development and stimulate job creation,” added Mr. Kilpatrick.

Whitmore Manufacturing is the second large manufacturing facility to expand in Rockwall in the last year. Last spring SPR Packaging, located just up the road from Whitmore, began a 125,000 SF warehouse expansion to their existing facility at the corner of Industrial Boulevard and Justin Road. “Over the past few years, despite the weak economy, the REDC never sat still. We continued to fill the pipeline with prospects and promote Rockwall as the best business choice in the Metroplex” said Franza. Construction on the expansion will begin in early Summer 2012. The new building is expected to be completed in Spring 2013.

## **Rockwall Economic Development Corporation**

Rockwall Economic Development Corporation actively recruits corporate headquarters and industry operations nationwide. The City of Rockwall is a great location for companies looking to expand or relocate their businesses to one of the largest markets in the United States – the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Rockwall offers training opportunities through five nearby university systems and provides a talent pool of highly skilled workers. With the expansion of infrastructure in the Rockwall Technology Park and easy access to many transportation options, Rockwall is a smart business decision for companies looking to grow and prosper.

## **About Whitmore**

The Whitmore Group, consisting of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company, KATS Coatings, Horizon Lubricants, and Air Sentry, is a leader in creating component protection technology through the manufacturing of specialized lubricants, coatings, sealants, and contamination control breathers with broad product application for a variety of industries. Since our beginning in 1893, relationships with customers, OEMs and our Distributor partners have helped maintain our reputation for quality products, dependable service, and attention to customer service. Whitmore's family of quality products and services are sold around the world through a service intensive distribution network committed to technical support and total customer satisfaction. Customers in a variety of industries choose Whitmore products for two simple reasons: the products are designed and manufactured to high quality standards, and they are available at a fair market value. Whitmore's Rockwall, Texas facility includes a fully integrated manufacturing plant, state-of-the-art research center, training facility, and corporate offices. Well-trained and competent employee-owners work at every level of the operation.