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## Governor Northam Announces Mack Trucks to Launch New Medium-Duty Product Line in Roanoke County

~ Mack to invest \$13 million to establish new operation, create 250 manufacturing jobs ~

**SALEM**—Governor Ralph Northam today announced that Mack Trucks will invest \$13 million to establish a manufacturing operation in Roanoke County, creating 250 new jobs. The new venture will allow Mack to produce and sell a new line of medium-duty trucks. Virginia successfully competed with sites in several other states for the project.

"Landing Mack Trucks' new medium-duty truck production plant is a tremendous win that builds on our efforts to make Virginia a leader in automotive manufacturing," said Governor

**Northam**. "Virginia has enjoyed a longstanding partnership with the Volvo Group, which includes Mack, and we are confident that the company will be a valuable addition to Roanoke County and the entire Commonwealth."

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Roanoke County and the Roanoke Regional Partnership to secure the project for Virginia. Governor Northam approved a \$700,000 grant from the Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund to assist Roanoke County with the project. Funding and services to support Mack's employee training activities will also be provided through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.

"We're excited about the opportunities our new medium-duty product line will bring for the company, our employees, and the Roanoke Valley community," **said Mack President Martin Weissburg**. "We're very grateful to the Commonwealth of Virginia and Roanoke County for their support of this project, and we look forward to growing this new business, and being a successful and engaged corporate citizen."

"We are honored that Mack Trucks has chosen to launch its newest product line in Virginia, and we're committed to supporting the success of this major business venture in Roanoke County," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "Mack will benefit from our robust manufacturing workforce trained by Virginia's top-ranked educational institutions and industry-led engineering programs as it ramps up, and we thank the company for creating 250 high-quality, 21st-century jobs."

"Roanoke County is thrilled to welcome Mack Trucks' new medium-duty production operation as the first automotive project established in Virginia from prototype to production," **said**Chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors David Radford. "It is exciting to be a part of the next-generation truck developed by this iconic American brand. The economic impact of this investment and the employment opportunities created by this announcement are significant, and I am delighted to celebrate Mack's growth in Roanoke County."

"I'm delighted to hear that Mack Trucks has committed to creating 250 new jobs in Roanoke County," **said Delegate Joe McNamara**. "Roanoke is an excellent place to do business, and it is clear that our strategic location and favorable economic climate made Roanoke the right fit for this investment. This is a great win for our region."

#### **About Mack Trucks**

Dedicated to durability, reliability, and meeting the needs of customers, Mack Trucks has provided purpose-built transportation solutions for more than a century. Today, Mack is one of North America's largest producers of heavy-duty trucks, and Mack® trucks are sold and serviced through an extensive distribution network in more than 45 countries. Mack trucks, diesel engines, and transmissions sold in North America are assembled in the United States. Mack manufacturing locations are certified to the internationally recognized ISO 9001 standard for quality, ISO 14001 standard for environmental management systems and OHSAS 18001 standard for health and safety management systems. Mack is also a proud sponsor of Share the Road, an American Trucking Associations public information campaign aimed at enhancing the safety of our nation's roadways.

Mack Trucks is part of the Volvo Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses, construction equipment, and marine and industrial engines. The Volvo Group, which employs almost 100,000 people, has production facilities in 18 countries and sells its products in more than 190 markets. In 2018, the Volvo Group's sales amounted to about \$43 billion. The Volvo Group is a publicly held company headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden. Volvo shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

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