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## **Kemin Chooses Starke County for New Facility**

**Starke County, Indiana** - August 17, 2012 - The Starke County Economic Development Foundation today announced that Kemin, a global bioscience company, has chosen the Starke County community of North Judson as the location for a new facility that will process a proprietary variety of spearmint, with both flavoring and preservation properties, for use in the health, food, companion animal, and personal care industries.

Director of Operations, Robert Stomp, said that Kemin chose Starke County for its new facility as Starke County is home to some of the most knowledgeable mint farmers in the United States. Kemin began working with North Judson mint farmers, the Lambert family, in 2010 to design and construct a 7,000 square foot manufacturing facility that Kemin uses to process its proprietary spearmint. Kemin has eight local employees at the factory and has entered into an agreement with the Lambert's to grow and harvest Kemin spearmint on the Lambert family farm.

Kemin was founded in Des Moines, Iowa in 1961 and has grown from a small operation to a company that now has more than 1,500 employees worldwide. Since its beginning, Kemin has used science and research to enhance nutrition and health for humans and animals. Using cutting-edge, molecular technology, Kemin manufactures more than 500 specialty ingredients used by the feed and food industries and the health, nutrition and beauty markets. The company's seven divisions share a unified vision of improving quality of life by touching half the people of the world every day with its products and services. In just 50 years, Kemin has grown to have a positive impact on the lives of more than 1.6 billion people throughout the world every day.

Wendy Hoppe, North Judson Town Council President, said, “We welcome the arrival of Kemin to our community and look forward to their growth here. We are pleased that they intend to take advantage of our area farmers’ expertise in mint cultivation to benefit people around the world.”

The Starke County Council granted property tax Phase-In for the new structure and equipment.

### **Kemin – Inspired Molecular Solutions™**

Kemin ([www.kemin.com](http://www.kemin.com)) provides “inspired molecular solutions” specifically developed to provide nutrition and health benefits for humans and animals. Committed to feed and food safety, Kemin maintains top-of-the-line manufacturing facilities where approximately 500 specialty ingredients are made for the global feed and food industries as well as the health, nutrition and beauty markets. A privately held, family-owned and operated company, Kemin has more than 1,500 employees and operates in 90 countries with manufacturing facilities in Belgium, Brazil, China, India, Italy, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.

### **About SCEDF**

The Starke County Economic Development Foundation is a not-for-profit local economic development organization (LEDO) providing economic development opportunities on behalf of Starke County, Indiana, the City of Knox, and the Towns of North Judson and Hamlet through the development of industrial parks, rail spurs, greenfield sites, shovel-ready sites, infrastructure, and workforce development. For more information regarding Starke County Economic Development Foundation, visit [www.scedf.biz](http://www.scedf.biz).



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