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### **BMW Awards Kahn Paint Shop Addition Project**

Detroit, Michigan, July 16, 2008 – BMW Manufacturing Co. has commissioned the Albert Kahn Family of Companies (Kahn), a leading provider of architecture, engineering, planning, design and management services, to serve as Architect/Engineer of Record for a 426,000 sq. ft. paint shop addition at its Spartanburg, SC assembly plant.

BMW's new facility will be located adjacent to its existing assembly plant, originally designed by Kahn in 1992. This next generation paint shop will include state-of-the-art paint equipment and technology for the production of BMW's X6 Sports Activity Coupe, X5 Sports Activity Vehicle, Z4 Roadster, M Roadster, Z4 coupe and M Coupe.

"BMW is known throughout the industry for its commitment to productivity, safety and innovation," said John E. Enkemann, Jr., Chief Operating Officer at Kahn. "We are pleased to sustain our relationship with them and look forward to delivering this project."

Kahn has been long recognized for its unsurpassed influence on the development of industrial architecture and has designed automotive facilities both nationally and abroad. Founded by architect Albert Kahn in 1895, the firm quickly became the premier architect for Detroit's auto/industrial scene in the early 1900's and has retained that position over the past century.

Recent industrial and automotive projects include a \$350 million rail car manufacturing facility for National Steel Car Ltd. in The Shoals, AL; and the 630,000 sq. ft. HUMMER H2 assembly plant for AM General Corporation in Mishawaka, IN. Kahn also served as A/E of Record for Mercedes-Benz' award-winning one million sq. ft. M-Class Vehicle production facility and its subsequent 1.8 million sq. ft. expansion project, both in Tuscaloosa County, AL.

Internationally, Kahn is providing design oversight services to Electrolux Home Products for its 3 million sq. ft. appliance manufacturing and assembly plant in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. was founded in 1895 by world-renowned architect, Albert Kahn. Today, the Albert Kahn Family of Companies have grown to become worldwide leaders in architecture, engineering, planning, design and management. With offices in Detroit, MI; Birmingham, AL; Juarez, Mexico and Sao Paulo, Brazil, Kahn is well-conditioned to meet the changing needs of clients in a variety of market sectors, including health care, corporate, educational, automotive/industrial, research and technology, and government.

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