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Dr. Lu Guanqiu, Chairman of the Board of Wanxiang Group Visits with Regional Leaders to Discuss Investment Plans in Rockford

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WHAT Press conference highlighting Dr. Lu Guanqiu, Chairman of the Board of Wanxiang Group’s visit to Wanxiang Group’s subsidiary company Universal Solar in Rockford, where Wanxiang is manufacturing solar panels. Dr. Lu will then meet with Mayor Morrissey, Chairman Christiansen, Bryan Davis of the Office of Congressman Don Manzullo, Executive Director of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority Bob O’Brien, Regional Director of Government Affairs Mike Dunn and other regional public and private leaders to discuss plans for further investment in Rockford, including a 200 acre solar field at the Chicago Rockford International Airport. Opportunities in other industries, including electric vehicle manufacturing, will also be discussed.

WHEN Thursday January 20, 2011, 12:30 PM

WHERE Giovanni’s Restaurant and Convention Center
610 N Bell School Rd, Rockford IL 61107

WHY Wanxiang’s current investment in Rockford will amount to an estimated \$12,500,000 once completed, employing over 200 Rockford area employees. Conversations regarding opportunities for further partnership and investments in the Rockford region are taking place, with the potential for additional job creation.

INTERVIEWS Available with Winnebago County Board Chair Scott Christiansen; Deputy Chief of Staff of the Office of Congressman Don Manzullo Bryan Davis; Regional Director of Government Affairs Mike Dunn; Chairman of the Board of Wanxiang Group Dr. Lu Guanqiu; Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey; President of Wanxiang America Corporation Pin Ni; Executive Director of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority Bob O’Brien; Rockford City Administrator Jim Ryan; and RAEDC President Janyce Fadden

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ABOUT THE RAEDC

The primary role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council is to enhance wealth creation in the Rockford Region by marketing the area and helping employers retain and create quality jobs. The RAEDC works closely with many partners to serve as a one-stop resource for clients, to improve the competitiveness of the region and to engage the community in the work of economic development.

ABOUT WANXIANG AMERICA CORPORATION

Wanxiang America Corporation, headquartered in Elgin, IL, is the U.S. subsidiary of Wanxiang Group Companies, one of the largest companies in China with \$8 billion in revenues. Wanxiang currently has 4,100 employees in the U.S. and over 45,000 worldwide. Wanxiang Solar is a major player in renewable energy production, including wind and solar, and is the largest manufacturer of medium/large size silicon ingot and wafer cutting in China. <http://www.wanxiang.com/>

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