Honda opened a new plant to cheers on Monday, providing some welcome news in a troubling economic time.

The details are below:

NAME: Honda Manufacturing of Indiana LLC.

PRESIDENT: Yuzo Uenohara. SITE: 1,700 acres. PLANT: 1.6 million square feet.

INVESTMENT: $550 million. WORKERS: 900. Another roughly 1,000 to be added in 2009.

PRODUCTION: 150 to 180 cars daily. Goal of 800 cars a day or 200,000 a year.

PRODUCTS: Honda Civic DX, LX and EX sedan models with 4-cylinder engines. The Civic GX natural gas vehicle will be added in 2009.

The Columbus Republic has an article detailing the event yesterday **HERE** .