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## **MITSUBISHI'S ILLINOIS PLANT SET TO EXPAND**

Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) and Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) have announced a US\$200 million expansion of MMNA's manufacturing facility in Normal, Illinois that will raise annual capacity by 25% to 300,000 units and create an additional 300 jobs. The expansion is scheduled for completion in the autumn of 2004.

Mitsubishi's sales in the US have grown 81% over the last four years. Mitsubishi-brand vehicles have been marketed in Canada and Mexico since only September 2002 and January 2003, respectively, so continued growth in the North American market is expected. "Our goal is to produce more vehicles in the markets where they are sold," stated Rolf Eckrodt, President and CEO of MMC.

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