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DOLE SEEKS ASSURANCES ON COLEMAN TAKEOVER; TOP COMPANY OFFICIALS
SAY KANSAS OPERATION IN GOOD SHAPE, NO CHANGES EXPECTED

WASHINGTON -- KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE RECEIVED ASSURANCES TODAY THAT THE \$545 MILLION MERGER OF WICHITA'S COLEMAN COMPANY, INC. WITH MacANDREWS & FORBES HOLDING INC. WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE KANSAS OPERATION, INCLUDING THE COMPANY'S NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN WICHITA.

"I HAVE TALKED WITH THE TOP OFFICIALS AND ATTORNEYS HANDLING THE COLEMAN MERGER FOR MacANDREWS & FORBES AND THEY HAVE GIVEN ME ASSURANCES THAT KANSAS EMPLOYEES SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT WITH THIS TAKEOVER," DOLE SAID. "THE HEADQUARTERS WILL STAY IN WICHITA AND COLEMAN WORKERS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THEIR JUST BENEFITS AND PAYCHECKS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ASSURED THAT THE COLEMAN OPERATION WILL CONTINUE ITS STRONG COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ITS COMMITMENT TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS."

"NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, COLEMAN IS A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE KANSAS ECONOMY AND I WILL BE WATCHING THIS MERGER AS IT UNFOLDS TO MAKE CERTAIN KANSAS AND THE APPROXIMATELY 2700 COLEMAN WORKERS THERE DO NOT GET CUT SHORT," DOLE ADDED.