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Kansas City Independent Auto Auction Slated to Open All-New Facility in July

KANSAS CITY, Missouri -- Boxes are being packed, furniture is being transported and hundreds of cars and trucks are scheduled for the 40 mile trip down the freeway from Elwood, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri as Kansas City Independent Auto Auction prepares for the opening of its new facility in July. Construction was started in October of last year, and auction officials are targeting a mid-July date for the inaugural sale in the auction's new home.

The auction, which has been doing business as the Kansas Auto Auction in Elwood, Kansas, will open with a new name (Kansas City Independent Auto Auction), in a new state (Missouri), 40 miles from its current site where it has been operating since 1978. The new facility will include a 20,000 square foot building housing business offices and six auction lanes in the selling arena, a full service restaurant, on-site PDR and dealer lockers. The dealer lot will provide parking for 350 vehicles while the storage lot will accommodate 900 vehicles.



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Even as the auction eyes its move to the new facility and its grand opening, auction officials are

planning for Phases II of the project, which will include additional parking for 1300 vehicles and a test track, and is set for completion in the Fall. Phase III, planned for Spring of 2009, calls for the building of a 10,000 square foot state-of-the-art recon facility.

The new auction is situated on 71 acres, just off Interstate 29 and five minutes from the Kansas City Airport. Auction owner Doug Doll reports that neither the Elwood auction nor the new facility have been significantly affected by the heavy rains that have plagued the Midwest in recent weeks, although the weather has caused some minor construction delays.

"We've been forced to wait for some dry days to finish the asphalt at the new auction, but everything else is progressing, and we're all looking forward to moving into the new facility," said Doll. "After 29 years in Elwood, Kansas, we've outgrown our space. We're looking forward to welcoming our customers to a beautiful new home in July for our first sale and are planning a big official grand opening in September."

The address of the new facility is
11101 North Congress, Kansas City,

Missouri. The auction holds a dealer consignment sale every Thursday, offering vehicles for sale in the lane and online with Pipeline Simulcast. It is also a member of the National Auto Auction Association and uses the AutoIMS inventory management system. The auction can be reached on the web at www.kciaa.com.

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