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Company from Alabama authorized to settle down in Mariel

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Cleber Company from Alabama, owned by businessmen Horace Clemmons and Saul Berenthal, has become the first US company to receive authorization to establish a manufacturing and assembly facility in Cuba, reports the newspaper The Clarion, published to the north of the state of Alabama.

The company, says the newspaper, received notification from the island, signed by Idermis Gonzales Riera, Director of Procedures, who invites the company to formalize the request to set up on the grounds of Mariel.

The letter states: "This letter is to confirm that we favorably support the preliminary interest of your company to become a user of Mariel Special Development Zone and the purpose of assembling and manufacturing tractors for marketing and export in Cuba".

The note did not specify whether the company has received authorization from the Treasury Department to start its business venture in Cuba.