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### Settlement Agreement Reached in Irondale Trinity Lawsuit

(Birmingham, AL) A settlement agreement has been reached in the lawsuit stemming from Trinity Medical Center's decision to cancel construction of a hospital planned for Irondale. The agreement includes a plan for Trinity to build a medical clinic in Irondale. "We are pleased that this settlement removes the risk of any financial losses for the City of Irondale. I am also pleased that the community will get a new medical clinic. This lawsuit has always been about making the City of Irondale whole. We are satisfied that this settlement accomplishes that for the City and citizens of Irondale," said City of Irondale Mayor Tommy Joe Alexander.

The lawsuit filed in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County sought damages for Trinity's decision to withdraw the Certificate of Need application to build a hospital in Irondale in favor of a plan to relocate to the former HealthSouth Hospital being constructed on Highway 280. The lawsuit also sought damages from Daniel Corporation for interfering with the contract between Irondale and Trinity to build the hospital. More than twenty witnesses had been deposed and the case was set to be tried in August.

"This settlement is a win for the City of Irondale. In the end, Trinity and Daniel stepped up and did the right thing. This bodes well for the future of the city of Irondale and for Trinity's role as a leader in the health care community", said attorney Ernest Cory of Cory Watson Crowder & DeGaris. Cory and Cory Watson attorneys Jason Shamblin and Ryan Lutz represented the City of Irondale in the litigation.

The proposed settlement includes monetary payment to the City of Irondale, construction of a medical clinic in Irondale within the next twelve months and Trinity's continual contractual obligations for the 162 acres located on I- 459 at Grants Mill Road.

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