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EyeCare Partners Acquires Alabama Vision Center

ST. LOUIS, MO – March 14, 2018 – EyeCare Partners, LLC (ECP) is pleased to announce its expansion into the Alabama ophthalmology market with the acquisition of Alabama Vision Center, the Birmingham-based ophthalmology practice of Drs. Price Kloess, M.D., Andrew Velazquez, M.D., Andrew Bartlett, M.D., and Holly Young, O.D.

For over a decade, Alabama Vision has been committed to serving patients in Birmingham and throughout central Alabama with exceptional care and skill. Lead by Dr. Kloess, who was voted by the readers of *Birmingham Magazine* as the city's Best Ophthalmologist in 2016 and 2017, the practice has expertise in LASIK surgery and the advanced surgical treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, and corneal disease.

The Alabama Vision doctors are excited about partnering with ECP. According to Dr. Kloess, "As a leader in our community of 'all things' eye care, our mission has always been to provide the best possible care to our patients. This involves a broad range of commitments ranging from having a well-trained, top-notch staff to offering the most innovative medical and surgical eye care, to remaining on the cutting edge of technology. Broadening our network by merging with Eye Care Partners makes perfect sense. This partnership will allow us to devote much more time directly to patient care, which is ultimately why we all became physicians. We are thrilled with our association with Eye Care Partners and look forward to helping even more patients see their very best."

"The partnership with Alabama Vision expands our footprint in Alabama and increases our ability to provide patients with superior patient care. By combining the exceptional eye care of Alabama Vision with the expertise and resources of Eyecare Partners, patients in Birmingham and throughout Alabama will surely benefit," says Dr. James Wachter, Chief Professional Officer of ECP.

ECP Chief Executive Officer, Kelly McCrann, added, "ECP is committed to expanding patient access to world-class eye care by having only the most qualified, experienced doctors join our family of optometry and ophthalmology practices. We could not ask for a better organization with which to join forces in Alabama."

About EyeCare Partners, LLC

EyeCare Partners is a growing and dynamic leader in acquiring and managing successful primary eyecare practices. Based in Saint Louis, Missouri, EyeCare Partners is comprised of over 240 offices, including locations in Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Alabama, Kansas, Florida, and Georgia.

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