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Ireland-Based Manufacturer To Invest \$17 Million

COLUMBIA, S.C. - E&I Engineering, Ltd., a provider of switchgear and power distribution solutions throughout the United Kingdom and Europe, plans to invest \$17 million to establish its first U.S. operations in Anderson County. The investment is expected to create 250 jobs over the next five years.

E&I will acquire the vacant 50,000-square-foot Supreme facility on Harris Bridge Road with plans to expand the complex to 150,000 square feet to accommodate manufacturing of switchgear and busducts.

Headquartered in Donegal, Ireland, E&I has more than 650 employees across its European headquarters and its plant in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The company posts annual sales in excess of \$150 million with an extensive list of blue chip company clients across all sectors.

E&I's switchgear is custom-built, assembled from type-tested building blocks, manufactured and assembled in-house. The switchgear division produces a complete range of equipment for large-scale industrial and commercial projects in multiple sectors including financial services, data centers, hospitals, commercial offices, petro-chemical, marine, utilities and manufacturing.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits for the project.

QUOTES

"The E&I Group has been highly impressed by the support and assistance offered to us by many of the South Carolina government departments, including the Department of Commerce, Anderson County Economic Development, the Department of Health & Environmental Control and, indeed, Anderson County Council. All of these departments really signified to the E&I Group that South Carolina is a business-friendly, proactive place to do business and were key in our decision to select Anderson, South Carolina as our "home county" for our production facility. We congratulate Governor Haley in running a highly efficient and well-organized, business-friendly state." -Damian McCauley, group production director for E&I Engineering,

Ltd.

"We welcome E&I Engineering as they join the ranks of the hundreds of foreign-based firms that have come to our state and found success here. We applaud E&I and their decision to invest \$17 million and create 250 new jobs in Anderson County." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"With our wealth of experience in the manufacturing sector and our business-friendly climate, it's no wonder that a leading company such as E&I Engineering would choose South Carolina to base its first U.S. operations." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"E&I's wonderful announcement adds to an exciting couple of weeks in our county. We are fortunate to have a motivated, top quality team made up of our local and state officials, economic development agencies and our own economic development staff. This announcement is evidence of their success in working together to bring industry to our community. Attracting quality companies such as E&I ensures our economic sustainability for future generations." -Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn

"C'EAD MILE FAILTE! - a hundred thousand welcomes to E&I Engineering. We have already seen a glimpse of E&I's commitment to our community as they are participating in our Veterans Job Fair at the 263rd AAMDC today. District 4 is committed to you as well. We are happy to be your new home and look forward to working side by side toward the continued success of your company." -Anderson County Councilman Tom Allen

FIVE FAST FACTS

- E&I Engineering, Ltd. will establish its first U.S. facility in Anderson County.
- \$17 million investment expected to create 250 new jobs.
- E&I will acquire the vacant 50,000-square-foot Supreme facility on Harris Bridge Road.
- Plans to expand the complex to 150,000 square feet to manufacture switchgear and busducts.
- Headquartered in Donegal, Ireland, E&I has more than 650 employees across its European headquarters and its UAE plant.

About E&I Engineering, Ltd.:

E&I Engineering, Ltd., based in Burnfoot, North Donegal, is a manufacturer of bespoke electrical switchgear and distribution products. The company currently exports over 95% of its products. E&I have a manufacturing facility in the UAE, as a branch of the PowerBar Limited trading name, to service the Middle East. The company currently employs 650 staff in Ireland and in the UAE. The company is currently focused on building out their sales organization to service the European market. E&I and PowerBar are also reviewing opportunities in the USA and future entry strategies. For more information: E&I Engineering Ltd., Ballyderowen, Burnfoot Co. Donegal <http://www.e-i-eng.com>

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