

## 2012 State of the State Attendees

### 2012 Commerce Projects

#### Sarlaflex

Krishna Jhunjhunwala, Managing Director and CEO of Sarla Performance Fibers, with his wife, Vrinda Bobby Downs, President of Sarlaflex (Operations for SC)

Sarla Performance Fibers is a producer of yarn and threads.

New facility will locate in Colleton County (Walterboro) - \$13.8 Million investment and 100 jobs.

The project manager was Wayne Fritz. The project closed in December, 2012.

Sarla Performance Fibers is based in Mumbai, India and serves the apparel and upholstery markets.

Mr. Krishna Jhunjhunwala is a commerce graduate from Sydenham college of Commerce. He entered the business of textiles at the age of 21.

Mr. Jhunjhunwala



#### Tobul Accumulator

Jim Tobul, President, and wife, Shelley

Tobul Accumulator manufactures hydraulic accumulators, used in fluid power systems for heavy industrial equipment.

This project expands their existing Bamberg facility. The company will also take over, expand and upfit the spec building in Bamberg owned by Southern Carolina Alliance. \$5 million investment and 50 jobs.

The project manager was Moe Brown. The project closed in July, 2012.

The company is a family-owned business, headquartered in Bamberg for more than 25 years. The company also has operations in Racine, Wisconsin; Shanghai, China; and Houston, Texas. Jim Tobul is the owner and operator of a restored Chance Vought F4U-4 Corsair "Korean War Hero" fighter plane. He restores airplanes and flies in airshows.

Mr. Tobul



#### Red Ventures

Mark Brodsky, Chief Financial Officer

Red Ventures is an innovative direct marketing company, specializing in online marketing, telephone sales and building its technology infrastructure to manage the entire direct marketing process.

This project expands their existing headquarters in Indian Land, SC.

1,000 jobs over the next 5 years and \$33 million investment.

The project manager was Wayne Fritz. The project closed in August, 2012.

Red Ventures employs a total of 1,500 across its locations in Miami, San Antonio, Indian Land and Wilmington, N.C. Mr. Brodsky began his career with General Electric Co. in 1997, followed by stints at Merrill International and the consulting firm Arthur D. Little. He was CEO of ADL, a spin-off of Nuvera Fuel Cells. Mr. Brodsky graduated from Drexel University with a degree in accounting and is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Brodsky



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**AgruAmerica**

Vicky Thornton, {Title?}

Sarah Daniel, Controller

Agru America's production facility creates geomembrane products, used in a variety of applications including as liners for waste management and in geoengineering and civil engineering uses. This facility manufactures nonwoven products.

The projects expand their facilities in Georgetown County and Williamsburg County. The combined investment of \$39 million will create 126 jobs.

The project manager was Warren Darby. The project closed in November, 2012.

**WNS North America**

Reese McCurdy, Senior General Manager US and wife, Julie

WNS is a Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) company, providing customer care center services, accounting and finance services, research and analytics. The initial plans for the South Carolina operation will be a customer care center, but will evolve into higher value services as the center matures.

Mr. McCurdy



The project is a new investment in Columbia, SC (State Newspaper building). \$4.25 million investment, 750 jobs.

The project manager was Warren Darby. The project closed in December, 2011. The company met with Governor Haley on December 14, 2011.

WNS is based in Mumbai, India. The company employs more than 25,000 professionals in 30 delivery centers worldwide. Mr. McCurdy comes to SC from Allstate Insurance, where he managed various operations in their call centers – for direct sales and customer support. He is an economics graduate from Troy University.

**Belk**

Dave Penrod, Chairman of Southern Belk Division

Belk will locate a new eCommerce distribution and fulfillment center in Union County, in the former Disney distribution facility.

The project will invest \$4.5 million and will create 124 jobs over the next five years.

The project manager was Sarah Ford. The project closed in January, 2012.

Charlotte-based Belk, Inc is the nation's largest privately owned mainline department store company with 303 Belk stores located in 16 Southern states. The company was founded in 1888 by William Henry Belk in Monroe, N.C., and is in the third generation of Belk family leadership.

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## Nexans

Cam Dowlat, Vice President, and wife, Gitty

Nexans will locate a new high-voltage power cable manufacturing plant at the Bushy Park Industrial Complex in Berkeley County.

The \$85 million investment will create 200 new jobs. Plant operations are expected to begin in 2014.

The project manager was John Scarborough. The project closed in September, 2011.

Nexans employs more than 24,000 people in 40 countries. The company is based in Paris and has four production facilities in the US. Cam Dowlat is the Area Vice President of Sales and Marketing for North and Central America. In his position, Dowlat is responsible for supplying high voltage and submarine cables in North and Central America, and manages industrial sales throughout the region. Dowlat is a Chartered Engineer and holds a degree in Applied Chemistry from South Bank University in London, England. Dowlat has been with Nexans for nearly 30 years.



Mr. Dowlat

## Schaeffler

Bruce Warmbold, President and CEO

Steve Crow, General Counsel

Schaeffler will expand its operations in Chesterfield County. Schaeffler Group USA has been manufacturing bearings for more than 40 years in Cheraw and has two plants in Chesterfield County. Both facilities will be expanded to produce bearings and engine components for new automotive applications. The expansions will be completed by 2013 and this is the second major expansion of the Chesterfield facilities in the past two years.

The combined investment of \$40 million will create 190 new jobs.

The project manager was Bob Marriott. The project closed in October, 2012.

Schaeffler Group is a leading global manufacturer of rolling bearings and linear products as well as a supplier of high-precision components and systems for engines, transmissions and chassis applications to the automotive industry. Mr. Warmbold has been President and CEO of the Schaeffler Group North America since 1992



Mr. Warmbold

## McCall Farms

Henry Swink, President and wife, {Name?}

McCall Farms will expand its operations in Florence County. The company produces canned and frozen foods at its facility, shipping to retailers, foodservice and industrial customers throughout the US.

The \$10.6 million investment will create 80 new jobs.

The project manager was Mandy Brawley. The project closed in April, 2012.

McCall Farms is a family-owned business in South Carolina, dating back almost 175 years. The company farms and cans tomatoes, okra, corn, squash, beans, peas, peaches, peanuts, greens and more. The company manufactures about 40 different products under the Margaret Holmes, Glory Foods and Peanut Patch brands, as well as private-label and foodservice products. The company is still based on the 2,000 acre family farm in Effingham, SC.



Mr. Swink

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**Michelin North America**

Richard Kornacki, Executive Vice President (COO – Specialty Tires)

In April 2012, Michelin announced it would invest \$750 million in a new plant in Anderson County and expand a plant in Lexington. The Anderson plant will make giant tires for heavy equipment used in mines, quarries and construction. The Lexington plant also makes large Earthmover tires. The market for Earthmover tires grew by more than 20 percent between 2009 and 2011, and nearly every tire is sold before it is made. In 2011, Michelin invested \$200 million at two plants in Lexington, \$130 million at its passenger and light truck tire plant and \$70 million at its Earthmover tire plant.

Bob Marriott was the Project Manager for all recent Michelin projects.

Michelin North America Inc., Michelin Aircraft Tire Co., and the Michelin Americas Research & Development Corp. are all headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina. Tire Centers, LLC, a sales and service business of Michelin's, is headquartered in Duncan, South Carolina. Michelin located its first three U.S. plants in South Carolina. The radial tire plant in Greenville was Michelin's first in the U.S. (US1) and began production in 1975. The Sandy Springs plant (US2) came online next and produced semi-finished products to supply US1. The third plant (US3) opened in Spartanburg in 1978 making radial truck tires. Michelin consolidated its North American headquarters in Greenville in 1982 and moved its aircraft headquarters to Greenville in 1998.

Mr. Kornacki has served in various executive roles with Michelin, both in the US and in France. He received a Bachelor's degree from West Point and an MBA from Clemson. Mr. Kornacki served as a Captain in the US Army from 1974 to 1980.

Mr. Kornacki



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### 2012 Recognitions

#### FUJIFILM Manufacturing USA

John Ueno, President of FUJIFILM USA

Allen Creighton, VP and Deputy General Counsel

FUJIFILM last expanded its Greenwood facility in 2009 with a consolidation of four regional photo processing and photo gift centers. The expansion brought 265 new full time jobs to Greenwood. FUJIFILM Manufacturing USA was established in Greenwood in 1988 and serves as the company's North American Manufacturing and Research and Development headquarters. The site currently employs about 1,200 in more than 2.5 million square feet of manufacturing space. The total investment in the site is nearly \$2 billion.

Mr. Ueno began his career with FUJIFILM Corporation in Japan in April 1977. Since then he has held a number of positions in Japan and the Netherlands. Prior to assuming his role with the company in Greenwood, he served as the General Manager for Fujifilm's factory in Fujinomiya, Japan.

Mr. Ueno



#### Honda Manufacturing of South Carolina

Brian Newman, President of Honda SC, and wife, Tangie

Honda is celebrating the production of its 2.5 millionth ATV at its Timmonsville, SC facility. The company also announced an expansion project this year. The project involves production of the next generation side-by-side, multi-utility vehicle at its Florence County plant.

The \$27 million investment will create 65 new jobs.

The Project Manager was Mandy Brawley. The project closed in November, 2012.

Honda has manufactured ATVs in South Carolina since 1998 at its 540,000 square foot facility on 625 acres. The plant employs more than 600 workers. Mr. Newman has served as President and CEO of Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing since June, 2001. He has held management roles within Honda for more than 30 years.

Mr. Newman

