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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Martech Research, a maker of synthetic and natural chemical products, today announced plans to expand its operations in Lee County. The \$4.65 million investment is expected to generate 60 new jobs.

“We are pleased to grow our presence in South Carolina. Bishopville has provided us with an excellent business environment and a skilled workforce. This expansion will allow us to better serve our current customers and increase our market share,” said Benny Maresca, technical director for Martech Research.

Martech Research has purchased a new building in Lee County and will upgrade the facility to handle the company’s manufacturing and warehousing operations. The new facility will be used in the production of the company’s expanded biological, microbial, synthetic and natural chemical products.

“While we work every day to bring new companies to South Carolina, it is always exciting to see one of our existing businesses expand. We celebrate Martech Research’s investment in Bishopville and the 60 new jobs the company will create,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

In 2011, South Carolina recruited more than \$4.7 billion in investment and more than 13,000 new jobs in the manufacturing sector.

“South Carolina has a long history in the chemical production industry and today’s announcement shows that this sector continues to thrive in our state. Martech Research’s decision to expand in Lee County is another indication our business-friendly climate is helping companies grow,” said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

Lee County Councilman Gordon Eckley said, “We are excited about Martech Research expanding its operations in Lee County. The new investment and job creation are great for the county’s economy and will allow our citizens the opportunity to gain employment with a strong company.”

“We value and appreciate what Martech Research has done, is doing and will do in Lee County and look forward to their continued growth in our community,” said Bishopville Mayor Alexander Boyd.

Martech Research plans to hold a ribbon cutting for the new facility later in the spring.

The company will begin hiring for the new positions this month. Anyone interested in job opportunities with the company should contact Denise McNeil at SCWORKS at 803-432-5153.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved a rural infrastructure grant worth \$100,000 for the county to help with the building upfit.

About Martech Research

Headquartered in South Carolina, Martech provides all-natural, custom-manufactured products to a host of globally-recognized businesses. The company is a global leader in green biological, microbial, synthetic and natural chemical products. For more information, please visit www.martechresearch.com.

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