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A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc. Establishing Lowcountry Operations

30-Year Veteran Packaging Company To Establish \$7.5 Million Facility In Berkeley County

COLUMBIA, S.C. – A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc., a contract packaging company specializing in the packaging and distribution of plastics for overseas export, is establishing operations in Berkeley County. In an effort to better serve its expanding customer base and handle the coming plastics production surge from the Gulf Coast, the 30-year company is investing in the construction of a \$7.5 million state-of-the-art packaging and distribution facility, which will create 25 new jobs in Moncks Corner, S.C.

To house its operations, a new 240,000-square-foot facility on 27.5 acres will be built in three phases. Rail storage capacity for more than 100 railcars will be featured on site. The new location will be the first packaging facility to open its doors in the Southeast, with the specific purpose of receiving Gulf Coast originating plastic resin earmarked for export.

A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc. is a family owned and operated company which has serviced the plastic and grain industries from its New Jersey headquarters since 1985. The company offers packaging, bulk transfer, warehousing and logistics services to producers and traders who require highly responsive service and attention to detail, uncommon in the packaging industry.

For additional information on A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc., contact Jason Blinkoff, Executive Vice President, at 908-558-7440.

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“Since day one, our experience in South Carolina has been tremendous. From the highly motivated leadership at the state and county levels to the exceptional folks at the South Carolina Ports Authority and CSX Railroad, it is clear we have an extraordinary support team in place, which is second to none. Our industry is readying for an explosion in plastic exports and we are truly excited to get to work at our new

facility – we honestly can't wait.” –A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc. President Avi Ron

“We couldn't be more excited to congratulate A&R Bulk-Pak for its decision to build its first South Carolina facility in Berkeley County. This \$7.5 million investment, and the 25 new jobs it will create, is a huge win for everybody involved, and we look forward to seeing this partnership grow.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“An ideal destination for business, South Carolina boasts tremendous transportation and logistics advantages, and today's announcement by A&R Bulk Pak is a testament to that. I congratulate the company on deciding to establish its first facility in the Palmetto State and look forward to watching them become a thriving member of our Lowcountry business community.” –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“A&R Bulk-Pak's announcement is exciting for South Carolina and our Port. Its operations will be a significant addition to Charleston's ability to handle growing export commodities such as resins and grains, which represent significant volume opportunities for SCPA.” –S.C. Ports Authority President and CEO Jim Newsome

“Having such an established and growing company as A&R Bulk-Pak select Berkeley County for its new location is further proof that Berkeley County is open for business and Berkeley County means business. From meetings with A&R Bulk-Pak over the past few months, I am confident they will thrive in Berkeley County and also be incredible partners in job-creation opportunities for many years to come.” –Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler

FIVE FAST FACTS

- A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc. is establishing operations in Berkeley County.
- \$7.5 million investment creating 25 new jobs.
- Established in 1985, A&R Bulk-Pak is headquartered in New Jersey.
- The company is constructing a 240,000-square-foot facility on 27.5 acres on Spring Grove Road in Moncks Corner.
- The packaging and distribution facility will feature onsite rail storage capacity of more than 100 railcars.

About A&R Bulk Pak:

A & R Bulk-Pak provides bulk transfer, packaging, warehousing and logistics services for the plastics and grain industry. Since 1985, we've been counted on as a reliable partner-provider because of our ability to provide outstanding service at an exceptional value for our customers. For more information, visit www.arbulkpak.com.

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