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Daimler Vans Manufacturing Expanding In Charleston County

More than \$4.6 million investment expected to create 60 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Daimler Vans Manufacturing today announced that it will expand its existing facility in Charleston County. The more than \$4.6 million investment is expected to generate at least 60 new jobs.

"We are thrilled to grow our operations here in Charleston County. South Carolina has provided our company with an excellent environment for doing business and a talented workforce. We appreciate all the support we've received from state and local officials," said Marco Wirtz, president and CEO of Daimler Vans Manufacturing.

Daimler Vans Manufacturing will expand its existing van assembly plant in Charleston County, located at 8501 Palmetto Commerce Parkway. Daimler distributes its vans from the facility to markets throughout North America. The company will make improvements to the building and changes to its current assembly line. The company expects to complete expansion by 2018.

"Today's announcement by Daimler Vans Manufacturing is another indication that South Carolina is on the right track with its economic development efforts. We celebrate the company's decision to invest more than \$4.6 million and create 60 new jobs in Charleston County," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

The Governor met with the company in 2011 during a business development trip to Germany, and has plans to meet again with company officials in the immediate future.

Since January 2011, South Carolina has recruited more than \$5.1 billion in capital investment and more than 8,500 jobs in the automotive-related sector.

"Daimler has had a presence in the Lowcountry for a number of years and it's great that they view the Palmetto State as just right for business. Today's announcement is a sign that our strength in the automotive club continues to grow," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

"Another great win in Charleston County," said Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie Pryor. "Congratulations to Daimler Vans on this exciting development. Marco Wirtz and his management team are

doing an outstanding job in this state-of-the-art facility, and within the community. As they grow yet again, we at Charleston County will continue to support their efforts in every way possible.”

“Our long standing relationship with Daimler Vans Manufacturing, one of North Charleston’s finest corporate citizens, is once again benefiting our community. Daimler Vans Manufacturing realized our vision for Palmetto Commerce Park many, many years ago and became one of the first major businesses to plant its roots. Today, the park stands as the Lowcountry’s premier location for business development. We reaffirm our commitment to Daimler and look forward to future growth and success.”

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits.

Daimler Vans Manufacturing LLC (DVM) assembles Sprinters for the US market under the Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner brands. The company is a subsidiary of Daimler AG. For more information, please visit www.daimler.com.

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