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R+L Carriers building new distribution center in Hampton County *Company investing \$7 million in Yemassee expansion*

COLUMBIA, S.C. - **R+L Carriers**, a national LTL (less than truckload), global logistics and shipping company, is expanding its current footprint in Hampton County. To accommodate its continued growth, the company will be investing \$7 million in the project, creating 25 new jobs.

Formed in 1965, R+L Carriers has grown from a single-truck company into a fleet of 13,000 vehicles and is now a global logistics and shipping company. R+L serves all 50 states, along with Canada, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Offering a variety of shipping services, the company's freight services include options for LTL, truckload, logistics, warehousing and more. When shipping, R+L also has freight service options to guarantee delivery via air service, rail service and sea service.

To expand its current operations in Yemassee, S.C., the company plans to construct a new 50,000-square-foot distribution terminal on S.C. Highway 68. Hiring for the new positions is projected to begin in 2017, and interested applicants should visit www.rlcarriers.com for more information.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded a \$100,000 Rural Infrastructure Fund grant to Hampton County to assist with the costs of real property improvements.

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"We look forward to growing our company in Hampton County, and we appreciate the support from our county council, SouthernCarolina Alliance and the S.C. Department of Commerce. We are pleased to be able to create new jobs and investment in our community as we continue to provide value and quality to our customers." -R+L Carriers Vice President Jeff Haungs

"Today's announcement by R+L Carriers is another testament to the competitive business environment that South Carolina has to offer. We're thrilled to see one of our existing companies succeed to the point that its able to grow here, and congratulate R+L's leadership on its decision to continue to invest in South Carolina and our people." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"Team South Carolina remains steadfast in its effort to provide an unmatched logistics network, so we can continue to support the growth of these kinds of businesses. It is great to see R+L Carriers expand their operations, and we congratulate them on their continued success." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"We congratulate R+L Carriers on their success and growth in Hampton County. We appreciate the job creation and investment that they are making through their expansion. Our county council looks forward to working with companies like R+L Carriers to provide the most business-friendly environment for continued job creation and expansion." -Hampton County Council Chairman Shedron Williams

"SouthernCarolina Alliance welcomes the expansion of R+L Carriers in Hampton County, and we will continue to support their operation in any way that we can. Each of the 25 jobs created by this expansion changes the outlook for a family in our region and stimulates our regional economy. We are truly grateful that R+L Carriers has once again chosen to grow their business in our region." -SouthernCarolina Alliance Chairman Buddy Phillips

"R+L Carriers is a great company that has been an asset to our local economy, all the while growing into a global logistics operation. Their success is a testament to the workforce and great location that Hampton County provides to businesses. We applaud them for their accomplishments, and we are thankful for the investment and the addition of 25 jobs at the new facility." -Hampton County Economic Development Committee Chairman Bill Hager

FIVE FAST FACTS

- R+L Carriers is building a new distribution center in Hampton County.
- \$7 million investment to create 25 jobs.
- R+L Carriers is a global logistics and shipping company serving all 50 states, along with Canada, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.
- The company will be constructing a 50,000-square-foot distribution terminal in Yemassee, S.C.
- Hiring for the new positions will begin in 2017, and interested applicants should visit www.rlcarriers.com.

About S.C. Department of Commerce

As South Carolina's leading economic development agency, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new businesses and help existing business grow. Commerce has recruited world-class companies to South Carolina such as BMW, Boeing, Continental, Giti Tire, LPL Financial Holdings, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Toray and Volvo Cars and also supports startups, small and existing business, innovation and rural development initiatives. Commerce partners with the [S.C. Technical College System](#) via [readySC](#) to support workforce training and recruiting, and with the [S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce](#), which provides worker training and employment opportunities within the state. IBM-Plant Location International reports in 2012, 2013 and 2015 ranked South Carolina first in the nation for attracting jobs through foreign investment. The state won the Gold Shovel Award and the Project of Year Award from Area Development magazine in 2012, 2014 and 2015. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

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