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Nutritional supplement company investing \$35 million and creating 330 jobs in Berkeley County

COLUMBIA, S.C. - **Thorne Research, Inc.**, a privately-held nutritional supplement manufacturing company, will be constructing a new manufacturing facility and corporate office complex in Summerville, S.C. The \$35 million project is expected to create 330 new jobs in Berkeley County.

Thorne is a personalized health solutions company dedicated to improving individual outcomes through science and technology. For 30 years, Thorne has led the nutritional supplement industry in providing researched-based, high-quality natural products, including foundational vitamins and minerals and therapeutic-focused nutritional supplements. By leveraging cutting-edge research and personalized data through its affiliate, WellnessFX, Thorne offers customized preventive health solutions for practitioners, their patients and athletes.

Thorne Research's new state-of-the-art, 240,000-square-foot manufacturing plant and corporate headquarters will be located at 620 Omni Industrial Blvd., on a 26-acre parcel, in the Omni Industrial Campus in Summerville. Expected to be fully operational by the middle of 2018, hiring for the new positions is projected to begin in the second quarter of 2018. Anyone interested in joining the Thorne Research team should visit the company's [career page online](#). For additional information on the company, visit www.thorne.com.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to this project.

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"Given the dramatic impact and planned growth arising from our collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, the U.S. Olympic Committee, the Colorado Hospital Association and others, combined with dramatic increases in new professional customers, particularly medical doctors and our international businesses, our new Summerville facility will meet our need to increase capacity and productivity to meet our anticipated future growth. The State of South Carolina, particularly Governor Haley, who was personally involved, as well as so many officials with the Department of Commerce and Berkeley County, have been exceptionally helpful and worked tirelessly with us to make this a reality." -Thorne Research, Inc. CEO Paul Jacobson

"The fact that Thorne Research has decided to move its headquarters to Summerville is a real reason to celebrate, and it shows that the Team South Carolina approach to creating a competitive business environment and developing one of the most skilled workforces in the world is working for the state as a whole. We're excited to welcome Thorne to the South Carolina family and thank its leadership for the commitment that this investment, and the 330 new jobs it will create, shows they have toward the people of our great state." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"It's always exciting when a company decides to locate new operations in South Carolina, and we're pleased to welcome such an innovative company, like Thorne Research, that's focused on cutting-edge technology and advanced manufacturing. I congratulate them on this new investment and can't wait to see what the future has in store for them here." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Thorne's announcement of arguably the largest life science project in the Lowcountry is extremely exciting for Berkeley County; we are honored to welcome Thorne, their investment and the hundreds of jobs they offer. Thorne's announcement is also further proof that Berkeley County is open for business, and Berkeley County means business. Through meetings with the company's team, I am confident Thorne will thrive in Berkeley County and also be incredible partners in job creation opportunities for many years to come." -Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler

"The Charleston region successfully competed against major U.S. metros to attract the largest life sciences headquarters and manufacturer in our community's history. Governor Haley was an influential and persuasive factor, along with a comprehensive group of local leaders, in Thorne Research's decision to locate in Berkeley County. We are proud to welcome Thorne to our region's growing life sciences cluster." -Charleston Regional Development Alliance Chairman Todd Gallati

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Thorne Research is establishing company headquarters and manufacturing operations in Berkeley County.
- \$35 million investment to create 330 jobs.
- Thorne is a personalized health solutions company dedicated to improving individual outcomes through science and technology.
- Located at 620 Omni Industrial Blvd. in Summerville, the company's new facility is projected to be operational by the middle of 2018, and hiring is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2018.
- Those interested in joining the Thorne Research team should visit the company's [career page online](#).

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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