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Oakwood Products, Inc. expanding Hampton County operations *Company announces a \$1 million investment in Estill, S.C. facility*

COLUMBIA, S.C. - [Oakwood Products, Inc.](#), a manufacturer of chemicals used in the pharmaceutical industry, is expanding its existing operations in Hampton County. The company's \$1 million investment is expected to result in 30 new jobs at its Estill, S.C. facility.

Established in 1992 and headquartered in West Columbia, S.C., Oakwood Products produces a wide range of organics, with a particular emphasis on fluorine and sulfur compounds. The company also provides custom synthesis services.

This expansion will be achieved with the purchase and renovation of a 47,000-square-foot building located in the Estill Industrial Park, adjacent to Oakwood's existing facility. The company is planning to up-fit the facility to house manufacturing operations and approximately 3,000 square feet of office space.

Hiring for the 30 new positions has already begun. As hiring progresses, Oakwood Products will advertise all open positions in The Hampton Guardian newspaper. For more information on Oakwood Products, Inc., visit www.oakwoodchemical.com.

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"We are looking forward to growing our business in Hampton County, where the community has fully supported our operation. Their hard work made this project a reality. There have been vast improvements in communications and services that made a consolidation to one location and this expansion of our operations in Hampton possible." -Oakwood Products, Inc. President Greg Butler

"We're always excited to celebrate the success of one of our existing firms, but it's truly inspiring when that firm is one of South Carolina's homegrown businesses. Congratulations to Oakwood Products on this \$1 million investment and the 30 new jobs it will create, generating real opportunities for the people of Hampton County." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"While the recruitment of new industry to our state is a significant part of our economic development strategy, the success of our existing firms is just as important. Today, we celebrate the success that Oakwood Products has achieved in Hampton County and throughout South Carolina and look forward to their continued success in the future." - Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Oakwood Products has been an asset to our industrial community. We welcome the job

creation and investment, and we are proud that the company will now employ more than 40 in direct jobs in our community." -Hampton County Council Chairman Shedron Williams

"We stand ready to assist Oakwood Products in any way that we can. We appreciate their commitment to our people because every job created improves the quality of life for a family in our county." -Hampton County Councilman and Southern Carolina Alliance Chairman Buddy Phillips

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Oakwood Products, Inc. is expanding its Hampton County operations.
- \$1 million investment creating 30 new jobs.
- Headquartered in Lexington County, Oakwood Products was established in 1992.
- The company's new operations will be located on Highway 321 North in the Estill Industrial Park.
- As hiring progresses, Oakwood Products will advertise all open positions in The Hampton Guardian newspaper.

About Oakwood Products, Inc.

Oakwood Products, Inc. is a fine organics manufacturing company headquartered in West Columbia, South Carolina, USA. Oakwood produces a wide range of organics, with particular emphasis on fluorine and sulfur compounds. In addition to its extensive catalog, Oakwood also offers custom synthesis services. Customers may contact the company via phone, fax or email regarding custom synthesis and bulk quantities. Oakwood boasts a well-equipped analytical laboratory for qualification of raw materials, in-process work, and analysis of its products. In addition to its in-house capabilities, the company maintains a close relationship with the nearby University of South Carolina and has access to additional analytical equipment at the University. For more information, visit www.oakwoodchemical.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 Boeing, Bridgestone, Continental, Monster.com, ZF Group, BMW and Google Inc. 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. Consistently, South Carolina has ranked as one of the top states in the nation for attracting jobs through foreign investment, according to IBM-Plant Location International reports. The state won the Gold Shovel Award and the Project of Year Award from Area Development magazine in 2012. For more information, visit www.SCCcommerce.com.

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