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Nupi Americas, Inc. Establishing Operations in Lowcountry
Company Investing \$4.9 Million to Establish a Warehousing and Distribution Facility in Hampton County

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Nupi Americas, Inc., a North American subsidiary of Nupi Industrie Italiane, S.p.A., is establishing warehousing and distribution operations in Hampton County. The \$4.9 million investment is expected to create 37 new jobs over the next five years.

Established in 2001 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, Nupi Americas is a subsidiary of Nupi Industrie Italiane, S.p.A., which has been manufacturing and marketing the NIRON product line since 1982. NIRON is a complete polypropylene pipe and fitting system for the distribution of hot and cold water in plumbing and air conditioning systems.

The company's Hampton County operations will focus primarily on its NIRON product line. To house the new facility, Nupi Americas is purchasing an existing 50,000-square-foot spec building, which is located at 314 Commerce Parkway in Early Branch, S.C. The facility is expected to be fully operational by the second quarter of 2016.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to the project. For more information on Nupi Americas, Inc., visit www.nupiamericas.com/nupi/en.

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“Nupi Americas has chosen South Carolina to develop its future products in the U.S. The new facility, located in the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus, will be the hub to manufacture and distribute products to our oil, plumbing and HVAC customers. We would like to thank all of the local and state institutions who helped us to achieve our expansion goals on schedule. We are extremely pleased with the cooperation between all of the economic development institutions and how they are well disposed to welcome industries in their territory, providing support at all the levels.” –Marco Genoni, President and CEO Nupi Americas and CEO of Nupi Industrie Italiane SpA

“It truly is a reason to celebrate when a company decides to invest in one of our rural counties. We have always made it a priority to show the world that all of South Carolina is open for business, and Nupi America's investment in Hampton County does exactly that. We're thrilled to welcome Nupi America to the South Carolina family, and look forward to watching its operations in Hampton thrive and grow.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“Team South Carolina works hard every day to show businesses that the Palmetto State is ‘just right’ for them to succeed. This announcement by Nupi Americas is proof that our efforts are paying off, and I look forward to watching the company succeed here for many years to come.” – Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“We appreciate Nupi Americas' investment in our region. Their new facility just off I-95 will be a successful

one for both manufacturing and distribution, and we look forward to their success and prosperity in the Southern Carolina region of our state.” –SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance Chairman Buddy Phillips

“The people of Hampton County are pleased that Nupi Americas, Inc. has chosen our community for their manufacturing and distribution facility, and the 37 new jobs are much appreciated. Every job created affects a family in our area, and we believe that job creation is critical to improving our quality of life. The members of Hampton County Council look forward to welcoming this Italian company to our region, and we will assist in any way that we can to ensure the best start up and operation for this manufacturer.” –Hampton County Council Chairman Shedron Williams

“We are delighted that Nupi Americas, Inc. has selected the Hampton County industrial building at the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus for their new operation. Our economic development teams at the local, regional and state level worked hard to create the best conditions for manufacturers like Nupi, and we look forward to the economic impact that this fine company will bring to our region.” –Hampton County Economic Development Commission Chairman Bill Hager

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Nupi Americas, Inc. is establishing operations in Hampton County.
- \$4.9 million investment to create 37 new jobs.
- The company’s Hampton County operations will focus primarily on the company’s NIRON product line.
- The Hampton County facility will be located at 314 Commerce Parkway, Early Branch, S.C
- For more information on Nupi Americas, Inc., visit www.nupiamericas.com/nupi/en.

About Nupi Americas, Inc.:

Nupi Americas, Inc. was founded in 2001. It is located in Houston, Texas. Nupi Americas is responsible for sales and marketing activities for the Americas and recently inaugurated its own production line. It also expanded the use of multilayer technology to the upstream market developing a specific product for flow line applications.

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