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Daimler Trucks North America Expanding Upstate Operations

Company Investing More Than \$22 Million To Expand Cherokee County Facility

COLUMBIA, S.C. – [Daimler Trucks North America](#) (DTNA) today announced the investment of \$22.7 million in [Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp.](#) (FCCC) to expand facilities and improve operations in Gaffney, S.C.

The investment will positively impact a number of key business operations for FCCC, including the construction of a new logistics center, as well as expansions of the current office building, employee parking lot, completed chassis parking and loading/delivery operations. In addition, the investment will drive implementation of a new line side delivery process which will utilize nearly 60 percent more component kitting.

In addition to the logistical and process improvements, the investment will provide an expansion to the current office building, which will provide a 25 percent increase in personal work stations, increase the training room capacity from 25 to 100, double the amount of available team work space and increase the cafeteria capacity from 15 to 119.

For more information on Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, visit www.freightlinerchassis.com.

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“The investment shows our commitment to the employees in Gaffney, our customers and to the future of FCCC. We will continue to build the best chassis with the best features and customer support, and this investment will ensure we are well positioned for future growth. I’d like to thank the officials from the State of South Carolina and Cherokee County for their help in making this project possible. The leadership team at DTNA wants to ensure we have the tools and facilities we need to continue delivering the best chassis for all of our customers across all of our product lines.” –Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. President David Carson

“The Daimler Group continues to be a fantastic partner to South Carolina and our people, and we couldn’t be more excited to announce that FCCC will be expanding in Cherokee County. Daimler is a huge reason for South Carolina’s thriving automotive industry, and this \$22 million further proves its commitment to our state and to the 650 South Carolinians FCCC employs in Cherokee County.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“South Carolina’s automotive sector continues to fuel the state’s economy, and, today, we celebrate the Daimler Group and Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation for helping us achieve yet another signature win for that industry.” –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. is a world leader in the automotive industry and an outstanding corporate citizen of Cherokee County. This expansion is a perfect example of a partnership between a remarkable company and the community. We are excited to be a part of this expansion and look forward to any future growth plans they may have.” –Cherokee County Council Chairman Tim Spencer

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation is expanding operations in Cherokee County.
- \$22 million investment to expand operations.
- Established in 1995, FCCC is the world’s largest manufacturer of diesel walk-in van chassis.
- The company is constructing a new logistics center, as well as expansions of the current office building, employee parking lot, completed chassis parking and loading/delivery operations.
- The investment will drive implementation of a new line side delivery process which will utilize nearly 60 percent more component kitting.

About Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp.:

Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. (FCCC) is a leading manufacturer of premium diesel chassis for the luxury RV market. FCCC supports its industry-leading chassis with a comprehensive suite of services, including 24/7 factory direct support, a nationwide service network with more than 400 dealers in the U.S. and Canada, and an official customer-support mobile app. For more information, visit freightlinerchassis.com or call 1-800-FTL-HELP.

About Daimler Trucks North America:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, headquartered in Portland, Ore., is the leading heavy-duty truck manufacturer in North America. It manufactures, sells, and services commercial vehicles under the Freightliner, Western Star, Detroit, and Thomas Built Buses nameplates. Daimler Trucks North America is a Daimler company, the world's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer.

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