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Signode To Create 130 Jobs At New Lexington County Facility *Packaging Company To Make \$15 Million Investment In Chapin*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Signode, a leading manufacturer and distributor of protective packaging systems, today announced plans to locate a new facility in Lexington County. The \$15 million investment is expected to create 130 jobs and represents an expansion of Signode's in-state presence. The company will reutilize an existing warehouse facility in Chapin, S.C., and produce a new product line for the packaging manufacturer.

Part of the global company Premark Packaging LLC, Signode manufactures steel and plastic strapping, stretch film and the application equipment and accessory products. With more than a century of experience, Signode's products are used worldwide to secure items such as cotton bales, newspapers, steel coils and corrugate cartons.

The company will start to manufacture industrial packaging products in Chapin, adding 63 full-time positions with highly technical skills in the first phase. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply at www.sctechjobs.com.

QUOTES

"Signode is extremely excited to open up a brand new plant and product line in Chapin, S.C. We thank the town of Chapin, Lexington County and the State of South Carolina for their tremendous support and we look forward to growing a lasting relationship."-Joseph Hudson, Plant Manager

"Signode is a global leader in manufacturing and could have located its new facility anywhere in the world. The company's decision to invest \$15 million and create 130 jobs in Lexington County speaks volumes about our highly skilled workforce and positive business climate." –Gov. Nikki Haley

"South Carolina has a long history in manufacturing. We continue to show the world that whether we are building planes, assembling automobiles or manufacturing packaging products, we are a state that knows how to make quality products. Signode's expansion in our state further proves South Carolina's successful manufacturing reputation is well-earned." –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"The Central SC region continues to attract global manufacturers that are highly focused on servicing customers that cover a broad range of industries. We congratulate Lexington County on being selected for this significant economic development project and know that Signode will find a business friendly environment which will serve them well into the future." -Mike Brennan, chairman of the Central SC Alliance

"Lexington County is pleased to welcome Signode Consumable Products to its business community. Signode, a global leader, is a premier supplier of protective packaging systems. We look forward to Signode's presence in Lexington County which should yield positive results for the Chapin area." -Johnny Jeffcoat, Chairman of Lexington County Council

"We welcome Joe Hudson and Signode to the great Town of Chapin. We appreciate their support in re-opening the former FB Johnston plant and look forward to having the employees be part of our growing business community. This is a significant win for our town, which has a proven, productive workforce and a great quality of life." -Chapin Mayor Skip Wilson

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Signode, part of global company Premark Packaging LLC, is opening a new facility in Lexington County.
- The \$15 million investment is expected to create 130 jobs.
- The project will include reutilization of the former FB Johnston plant, a 100,000 square-foot facility located at 300 East Boundary St., Chapin, S.C. 29036.
- Signode will start the manufacturing of industrial packaging products in Chapin, SC, adding 63 full time positions with highly technical skills in the first phase.
- Interested applicants should apply at www.sctechjobs.com.

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