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Footprint, LLC establishing manufacturing facility in Chester County *\$15.4 million capital investment expected to result in 115 new jobs*

COLUMBIA, S.C. - [Footprint, LLC](#), a company that specializes in the direct manufacturing of sustainable materials and packaging, is establishing manufacturing operations in Chester County. The company is investing \$15.4 million to establish the facility, creating an expected 115 new jobs over the next five years.

Headquartered in Gilbert, Ariz., Footprint was founded by two former employees of the Intel Corporation, Troy Swope and Yoke Chung. Determined to change the way products are manufactured and packaged, Footprint provides economical and environmentally-friendly packaging solutions to its customers. Since its inception, the firm has seen significant growth and currently operates facilities in three countries, including the United States, Mexico and China. Among the industries that Footprint serves are consumer goods, food and beverage, produce and horticulture and product manufacturing.

To house its Chester County operations, Footprint is leasing a 109,000-square-foot building at 546 L&C Distribution Park in Richburg, S.C. As the firm's newest and most advanced manufacturing facility, the Chester County operations will focus on the production and delivery of sustainable packaging materials for the company's East Coast and Canadian customers.

Hiring for the new positions is anticipated to start in the third quarter of 2015 and continue through 2016 as new manufacturing lines are installed. Those interested in applying may submit a resume at jobs@FootprintUS.com. For more information on Footprint, LLC, visit www.footprintus.com.

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

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"We are very excited about our South Carolina operation and the unique geographic and technical advantage it will provide. When looking at the available workforce and our next generation of sustainable materials and manufacturing technologies, South Carolina became the clear choice for our new state of the art facility." -Troy Swope, Footprint CEO

"The news that Footprint, LLC has made the decision to do business in South Carolina is a tremendous reason to celebrate across the state. The \$15.4 million investment and the 115 new jobs they are creating in Chester County will make a real difference in the local

community, and we look forward to watching them grow there for many years to come." - Gov. Nikki Haley

"It's always exciting when a company decides to locate their operations in South Carolina, and we're pleased to welcome such an innovative firm, like Footprint, that's focused on sustainable business practices." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"We are confident that Footprints LLC will find an excellent environment for future growth. Our focus will continue to be centered on creating new and better paying job opportunities for the hardworking citizens of Chester County. This \$15.4 million investment and the 115 new jobs it brings are another sign that Chester County's hard work in economic development has paid off." -R. Carlisle Roddey, Chester County Supervisor

"Footprint is a great addition to the Chester County manufacturing sector. We get a technology focused company that is investing over \$15 million in an existing industrial building and bringing 115 more jobs to the area." -Brian Singleton, Chester Development Association Chairman

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Footprint, LLC is establishing manufacturing operations in Chester County.
- \$15.4 million investment creating 115 new jobs.
- Footprint, LLC is headquartered in Gilbert, Ariz., and operates facilities in three countries.
- The company's Chester County facility will be located in a 109,000-square-foot building at 546 L&C Distribution Park in Richburg, S.C.
- Those interested in applying for open positions may contact submit a resume at jobs@FootprintUS.com.

About Footprint, LLC

Footprint, headquartered in Gilbert, AZ, is a sustainable technology firm focused on reducing or eliminating plastics through the development and manufacturing of revolutionary technologies. Our innovative holistic approach to raw material sourcing, manufacturing and process improvement allows Footprint to manufacture environmentally friendly packaging solutions that cost less. Focused on the development and implementation of next generation manufacturing for fiber based packaging Footprint continues to expand its operations in order to provide cost competitive sustainable packaging solutions globally. For more information on Footprint, LLC, visit www.footprintus.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.SCCommerce.com.

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