

REMARKS BY GOVERNOR JAMES B. EDWARDS

WHEEL TRUEING - DECEMBER 21, 1976

Speech

CHAIRMAN LAMY, CHAIRMAN FRANCK, DIRECTOR HALLEZ,
PRESIDENT GALVIN AND OTHER DISTUINGUISHED GUEST S.
IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE DEDICATION OF A NEW VIABLE INDUSTRY FOR SOUTH
CAROLINA.

IT IS OBVIOUS TO ALL OF YOU HERE THAT WHEN OUR STATE
IS SELECTED FOR THE FUTURE HOME OF AN INDUSTRY SUCH
AS WHEEL TRUEING, WE MUST BE DOING MANY THINGS RIGHT.
AS THE OTHER SPEAKERS MENTIONED, WE DO HAVE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO BELIEVE IN GIVING A FULL DAY'S WORK
FOR A FULL DAY'S WAGES. I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT
FEW PEOPLE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH ARE MORE EAGER
TO DO THEIR SHARE THAN MY FELLOW SOUTH CAROLI NIANS.

IN ROUTE TO THIS DEDICATION SERVICES, I THOUGHT OF
SOME INFORMATION WHICH I HAD RECENTLY READ CONCERNING
HOW MUCH A NEW INDUSTRY MEANS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

LITTLE DO YOU REALIZE THE IMPACT THAT INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT HAS IN THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF OUR

STATE. IN A RECENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STUDY, IT WAS PROVEN THAT A PLANT OF THIS SIZE, EMPLOYING POTENTIALLY 200 PEOPLE, WILL PROVIDE FOR: 138 MORE FAMILIES, 490 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE, 160 MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN, \$1.6 MILLION MORE PERSONAL INCOME PER YEAR, \$900 THOUSAND MORE IN BANK DEPOSITS, MORE THAN A HALF MILLION DOLLARS EXTRA RETAIL SALES PER YEAR, AND WILL ULTIMATELY REQUIRE FOUR NEW RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHEN WE LOOK AT WHEEL TRUEING'S BIRTH AND GROWTH, WE CAN ALMOST SEE A COMPLETE COMMUNITY GROWING WITH IT. THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL WILL BE GREATLY ENRICHED BY THIS NEW FIRM. IN ADDITION, TO THE FUTURE PAYROLL IMPACT, THEY HAVE ALREADY INVESTED \$2.5 MILLION WHICH HAS HELP TO BROADEN THE LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE. ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THEIR SALES ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$10 MILLION PER YEAR.

WHEEL TRUEING COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF GOOD NEIGHBOR INDUSTRIES. THEY FIT THAT PORTION OF THE STATE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ECONOMIC PLAN WHICH CALLS

ATTRACTING CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY FIRMS. THIS FIRM IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS AREA OF OUR STATE NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND IN A DESIRABLE, ORDERLY MANNER.

WHILE THE COMPANY OFFICIALS WERE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE, LET ME ASSURE WHEEL TRUEING . . . FOLKS OF YOUR CALIBER WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE. IF IN THE FUTURE, YOU NEED ANY OF THE SERVICES OF THE STATE, DO NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW.

AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE 2.7 MILLION SOUTH CAROLINIANS, I SAY WELCOME . . . WELCOME TO A STATE WHERE PROFIT ISN'T A DIRTY WORD AND WORK IS A WAY OF LIFE. . .