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Poly-America Establishing South Carolina Operations

Company Investing \$100 Million to Open Chester County Facility

COLUMBIA, S.C. — [Poly-America](#), one of the largest polyethylene film manufacturers in the U.S., is establishing South Carolina operations with Carolina Poly, Inc. in Chester County. The company is investing \$100 million in the new facility, creating 300 new jobs in Chester, S.C.

Established in 1976 and headquartered in Grand Prairie, Texas, Poly-America and its affiliated entities produce several product lines, including trash bags, plastic sheeting, silage bags and shrink film.

Carolina Poly, Inc. will operate a 475,000-square-foot manufacturing facility on 198 acres at 1580 Lancaster Highway in Chester, S.C. It is anticipated that the facility will be operational by mid-2017, and hiring is expected to begin in late 2016.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved a \$1.8 million Rural Infrastructure Fund grant to assist with the costs of real property improvements, as well as job development credits related to the project.

For more information on Poly-America, visit www.poly-america.com.

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“Carolina Poly will enable us to stay ahead of growing customer demand for our products and to realize logistical efficiencies in servicing our customers in the Southeast and Northeast. We look forward to getting up and running in Chester County.” –Trent Mallory, Vice-President of Sales

“This investment that Poly-America is making in the people of South Carolina is a significant commitment to our state, and is a real reason to celebrate. The 300 jobs this great company is creating in Chester will make a real difference in the lives of South Carolinians, and we look forward to seeing the impact it will have on this community for a very long time.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“Congratulations to Poly America for deciding to do business in South Carolina by establishing Carolina Poly, Inc. in Chester County. With today’s announcement, Carolina Poly joins an impressive roster of

globally-respected manufacturing firms that operate here, making South Carolina a leader in the manufacturing renaissance.” – Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“Actively marketing and promoting Chester County’s unique assets and advantages in South Carolina, we have been able to attract exceptional companies, such as Poly America. Today, we’re proud that Carolina Poly chooses Chester.” –Chester County Supervisor Shane Stuart

“We welcome Carolina Poly to Chester County and to our community. The Chester County Development Association actively supports the ongoing efforts of Economic Development and we are delighted to share in its successes.” –Chester County Development Association Chairman Brian Singleton

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Poly-America is establishing South Carolina operations with Carolina Poly, Inc. in Chester County.
- \$100 million investment creating 300 new jobs.
- Established in 1976 and headquartered in Grand Prairie, Texas, Poly-America produces several product lines, all within the polyethylene family.
- Operating as Carolina Poly, Inc., the 475,000-square-foot facility will be located on 198 acres at 1580 Lancaster Highway in Chester.
- The facility plans to be operational by mid-2017.

About Poly-America:

Poly-America was founded in 1976 and is headquartered in Grand Prairie, TX. Poly-America produces several product lines, all within the polyethylene family.

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