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Fiber manufacturer adding production capacity and creating new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. - **USFibers**, a manufacturer of recycled polyester fiber, today announced plans to expand its current operations in Edgefield County. The company intends to create more than 20 jobs to accommodate its continued growth and expand its product offerings.

With South Carolina locations in Trenton and Laurens, USFibers offers a wide variety of polyester staple fiber products, serving various market segments, including automotive, home furnishings, filtration and geotextiles. The company's products support several end uses, including polyester's continued growth in non-woven applications.

To meet increased customer demand, USFibers is investing in its Edgefield County facility. Located at 30 Pine House Road in Trenton, S.C., the company is expanding its product offerings into specialty markets, providing additional value to its already diverse customer base. In addition to the new jobs, this new capacity will include a significant expansion into research and development capabilities and personnel.

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"This latest investment demonstrates our continued commitment to the fiber industry. We are excited about the opportunities that this new operation affords us and the ability to enter new markets. As we launch this next phase of our evolution at USFibers, we want to thank our employees, customers and suppliers for their continued support. Without them and their commitment, none of this would be possible." -USFibers President and Founder Edward Oh

"It's always exciting to see one of our existing businesses succeed and have the ability to expand in our state. USFibers' decision to invest further in South Carolina and create 20 new jobs in Edgefield County is a real reason to celebrate, and we look forward to seeing this fantastic company continue to grow here for a very long time." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"In South Carolina, we know how to make things and make them well. Manufacturers of all sizes continue to create opportunities and help our economy grow, and today's announcement by USFibers is yet another sign that our manufacturing base is strong." - Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"I am excited about USFibers' continued growth in Edgefield County. Over the past six years they have been consistently expanding, which demonstrates their innovative capabilities in the competitive fiber industry. Congratulations to Edward Oh and his team on this latest news. Edgefield County Council is committed to working closely with our strong existing industry community." -Edgefield County Council Chairman Dean Campbell

"Congratulations to USFibers on their expansion. Their commitment to innovation is impressive and demonstrates a great partnership between the company and Edgefield County." -Economic Development Partnership Chairman Gary Stooksbury

FIVE FAST FACTS

- USFibers is expanding its Edgefield County manufacturing facility.
- Expansion expected to create 20 new jobs.
- USFibers is a manufacturer of recycled polyester fiber and serves a variety of markets, including automotive, filtration, furniture and geotextile.
- The facility is located at 30 Pine House Road in Trenton, S.C.
- For more information on the company, visit www.usfibers.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 BMW, Boeing, Continental, Giti Tire, LPL Financial Holdings, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Toray and Volvo Cars 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. IBM-Plant Location International reports in 2012, 2013 and 2015 ranked South Carolina first in the nation for attracting jobs through foreign investment. The state won the Gold Shovel Award and the Project of Year Award from Area Development magazine in 2012, 2014 and 2015. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

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