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Pantex Americas, Inc. establishing first U.S. facility in Greenville County *Company investing \$10.4 million to open Upstate manufacturing facility*

COLUMBIA, S.C. - [Pantex International S.p.A.](#), a hygiene materials producer primarily serving the global personal care market, is establishing its first U.S. operations - Pantex Americas, Inc. - in Greenville County. The \$10.4 million investment is expected to create 45 new jobs in Simpsonville, S.C. over the next five years.

Established in 1987, Pantex first began to pursue a more global presence in 2007. The company's new U.S. operations will help further this effort, complementing an existing production facility in the United Arab Emirates as well as the company's Sulmona, Italy headquarters. Pantex's international growth is allowing the firm better serve increasing customer demand.

Located at 844 S.E. Main Street in Simpsonville, Pantex's Greenville County manufacturing operations will focus on the production of perforated nonwovens, composites and films for the feminine hygiene applications as well as elastic laminates for baby care and adult incontinence fastening system. The 140,000-square-foot facility is expected to be fully operational by the third quarter of 2015. Hiring for all positions is currently underway. For those interested in joining the Pantex Americas, Inc. team, please contact recruitment@pantexglobal.com.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to the project. For more information on Pantex International, S.p.A., visit www.pantexinternational.it.

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"This investment, giving Pantex plants in Europe, the Middle East and, now, in the U.S., will further strengthen Pantex's effort to expand its global leadership role in the hygiene specialty materials industry. Specifically, the U.S. investment serves two purposes - to expand the capacity of successful, innovative products such as 'cloth-like' top sheets and increase the speed at which we bring new innovations to our customers in the American hygiene market. Pantex's U.S. expansion reaffirms our commitment to customers in markets where quality, custom solutions and innovation are the main ingredients for success." -Pantex CEO Gianluigi Fornoni

"The fact that Pantex has chosen Simpsonville as the first place in the country to establish operations is further proof that companies from around the world are now looking at South Carolina as an ideal place to do business. The \$10.4 million investment and the 45 new jobs it

will create are a huge reason to celebrate in Greenville County and across the state." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"With more than 100,000 South Carolinians employed by international companies, it's clear that the reputation we've earned for having a loyal workforce and business-friendly environment has made its way around the world. I congratulate Pantex for joining the more than 1,200 foreign-owned firms that have decided to do business in our state." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Greenville's long history in the textile and advanced materials industries makes Greenville a natural fit for companies like Pantex. We are proud of our expertise in this industry, as well as the many other advantages we can offer companies looking to expand here, and we are excited to welcome another thriving international company to our community." -Dr. Bob Taylor, Board Member of the Greenville Area Development Corporation and Chairman of Greenville County Council

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Pantex International S.p.A. is establishing its first U.S. operations - Pantex Americas, Inc. - in Greenville County.
- \$10.4 million investment creating 45 new jobs.
- Headquartered in Sulmona, Italy, Pantex was established in 1987.
- The company's Greenville County facility will be located at 844 S.E. Main Street in Simpsonville, S.C.
- Those interested in joining the Pantex Americas, Inc. team should contact recruitment@pantexglobal.com.

About Pantex International S.p.A.

Pantex International is a hygiene materials producer which offers Premium products for the Hygienic Market thanks to its three technologically advanced nonwoven and film manufacturing plants. Production facilities in Italy and UAE enable Pantex to effectively support Customers worldwide. For more information, visit www.pantexinternational.it.

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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