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Bondex, Inc. expanding Edgefield County manufacturing operations *Expansion to bring more than \$11 million in new investment*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Bondex, Inc., a globally-recognized manufacturer of thermally-bonded nonwoven substrates, is expanding its manufacturing operations in Edgefield County. The project is expected to bring \$11.5 million in new investment and lead to the creation of 17 new jobs.

Founded in 1996, Bondex, Inc. produces thermally-bonded nonwoven substrates for the filtration, medical and electrical industries. Additionally, utilizing state-of-the-art horizontal lamination technology, along with precision vertical coating towers, Bondex offers a wide range of high-quality, flexible laminate insulation material servicing the electrical market.

Located at 2 Maxwell Drive in Trenton, S.C. the company intends to expand its existing manufacturing operations to support its new Spunlace manufacturing process. For more information on Bondex, visit the company's website at www.bondexinc.com.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded Edgefield County a Set-Aside grant of \$100,000 to assist with the costs of building construction.

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"We are excited to move forward with our new expansion plans, investing \$11.5 million in additional plant facilities and new Spunlace technology equipment, allowing Bondex to provide a wide range of Spunlace fabrics in various market segments. The support and assistance received from the state of South Carolina has been tremendous. A true partnership in action."-President of Bondex, Inc. Steven Fransoso

"Bondex has been an important part of Team South Carolina for over 20 years and we couldn't be more excited that they have decided to expand in our state, creating 17 new jobs for Edgefield County." –Gov. Nikki Haley

"South Carolina's manufacturing industry continues to thrive, and today's announcement by Bondex is a testament to that. By further expanding its operations in our state, Bondex is making a statement that South Carolina is *'Just right'* for business." –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Bondex is an important member of our industrial community in Edgefield County and we sincerely appreciate their continued growth in our county. These new jobs and investment are important to Edgefield County and we look forward to continuing an already-strong partnership with Bondex." –Edgefield County Council Chairman Dean Campbell

"New jobs and investments are important to a healthy community ecosystem. We appreciate Bondex having the confidence that Edgefield County is indeed a great place to do business." – Economic Development Board Chairman Gary Stooksbury

FIVE FAST FACTS

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