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Subject: MEETING EVENT: GKN

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MEETING EVENT: GKN (Existing Industry w/Expansion – Project Technology)

Date: April 16, 2015

Time: 1:00PM – 1:30PM

Location: Wexford Club House

Commerce Staff Attending/Other Attendees:

Ford Graham, Director of Global Business Development

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Executive(s) name and title:

Bill Beard, Vice President, South Carolina Operations

Type of Product or Service Sold:

GKN Aerospace is a first tier supplier to the global aviation industry. A leader in the manufacture of highly complex composite and metallic aerostructures and engine products, their business is equally focused on military and civil markets.

Overview of Global Operations:

GKN Aerospace is a branch of GKN PLC, a global engineering group focused on aerospace composites, automotive driveline components, powder metallurgy, and power grid management.

GKN employs over 50,000 people in 32 countries.

Overview of S.C. Operations:

GKN has an aerospace components manufacturing facility in Orangeburg, SC. They currently produce the fuselage for the Honda Jet as well as winglets for Boeing and composite casings for Honeywell at the Orangeburg facility. They currently have 90 employees and are hiring every quarter with a total employment projection of 278 at the facility.

Commerce Project History (Project Technology):

✳ **Current Project** – This GKN Aerospace expansion project is to convert the 174 Millennium Building, Orangeburg, into a highly automated, state of the art and fully vertically integrated manufacturing facility for the manufacture of Aerospace Engine Inlet Lip Skins for the Boeing Company's 737MAX and 777X aircraft; hopeful for a May announcement

✳ **Total Investment** – Minimum \$28.7M (with potential for larger investment)

✳ **Total Jobs** – 79 net new positions, in addition to 250 committed under the first announcement.

Governor's Prior Communications:

The Governor met with company leaders at the Paris Airshow in 2011.

Purpose/Suggested Talking Points/The Ask:

We would like the Governor to congratulate GKN on their expansion and thank them for bringing new jobs into South Carolina. A show support for GKN's operations in the state and express that the leadership will help however possible for their expansion and continued growth would be beneficial.