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Hubner Manufacturing Corporation Expanding Charleston County Facility *Supplier To The Transportation Industry Investing \$8.6 Million To Expand, Creating An Expected 50 New Jobs*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – A company that supplies products to the bus, rail and air transportation industries is expanding its operations in Charleston County. [Hubner Manufacturing Corporation](#) is investing \$8.6 million to expand its manufacturing facility in Mount Pleasant, S.C. The investment is expected to create 50 new jobs.

Founded in 1995 in Mount Pleasant, S.C., Hubner USA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Germany-based Hübner GmbH & Co. KG. As a worldwide firm, Hübner employs approximately 2,000 workers in 12 different countries. Hubner USA's mission is to be the industry leader in high quality synergistic products for the public transportation industry. Among the company's product lines are passageway systems for high speed and commuter trains, articulation, passageway and bumper systems for light rail vehicles (LRV) and trams, folding bellows and articulation systems for articulating buses, canopies for jet gangways and flexible covers and rubber extrusions for applications in public transportation.

Hubner USA last expanded its Charleston County operations in 2010. This latest expansion, a 55,261 square-foot addition to the current 100,000 square-foot facility, will allow the company to meet the growing demand for its products. Located at 450 Wando Blvd. in Mount Pleasant, the facility is Hübner's only U.S. operation.

Construction of the facility expansion is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. Hiring for most of the new positions is anticipated to take place in the first quarter of 2016. Those interested in applying may contact Florin Felesco, PHR at florin.felesco@hubner-usa.com. For more information on Hubner Manufacturing Corporation, please visit www.hubner-usa.com.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved a \$350,000 grant for real property improvements and job development credits related to the project.

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“We are very excited to expand our facility to keep up with the demands of the transportation market and our customers, as well as create new jobs and have a positive economic impact on the area. The support of the state, county, and local government was pivotal in making this project move forward.” –Hubner USA CEO Ron Paquette

“Congratulations to Hubner Manufacturing Corporation on announcing their second expansion in South Carolina in the last five years. We are thrilled that they continue experiencing so much success in Charleston County, and their decision to invest \$8.6 million and create 50 new jobs in Mount Pleasant is great news for the local community and for the state as a whole.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“Over the last several decades, hundreds of German companies have enjoyed tremendous success within our state’s borders. Hubner Manufacturing Corporation’s decision to expand in Charleston County only adds to this fruitful partnership between Germany and South Carolina.” –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“The growth of Hubner Manufacturing during its 20 years in Mt. Pleasant has been truly remarkable. This company is a highly valued corporate citizen, and with this expansion it is renewing its steadfast and long-standing commitment to our community. Charleston County will look forward to partnering with Ron Paquette and Hubner Manufacturing well into the future.” –Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie Pryor

“We are delighted that Hubner Manufacturing has decided to expand its operations and remain in Mount Pleasant when it could have relocated to another community. The company has been a long-time friend and internal business anchor in our community. Their expansion signals a next level of activity for the company, which we salute and wholeheartedly support. The quality of life, amenities and services that Mount Pleasant provides continues to attract new companies and retain companies within our business community. Congratulations to Hubner Manufacturing Corporation.” –Town of Mount Pleasant Mayor Linda Page

“The SC Ports Authority congratulates Hubner on its expansion in Mt. Pleasant. We look forward to continuing to serve Hubner’s import needs and supporting the growth of manufacturers of all sizes in South Carolina.” –SC Ports Authority President and CEO Jim Newsome

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Hubner Manufacturing Corporation is expanding its U.S. operations in Charleston County.
- \$8.6 million investment creating 50 new jobs.
- Hubner USA was founded in 1995 in Mount Pleasant, S.C.
- The facility is located at 450 Wando Park Blvd. in Mount Pleasant and will be expanded by 55,261 square feet.
- Those interested in applying for an open position may contact Florin Felesco, PHR at florin.felesco@hubner-usa.com.

About Hubner USA:

Founded in 1995 by Reinhard Huebner, owner and general manager of Hübner GmbH & Co. KG, Hubner USA aims to be the industry leader of high quality synergistic products for our customers in the public transportation industry. The firm is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hübner GmbH & Co. KG in Kassel, Germany. In 1996, the company began producing folding bellows and passageway systems for the public transportation industry in North America. Hubner USA is the supplier of products to many well-known rail projects such as Amtrak’s Acela High Speed Train between Washington D.C. and Boston, the Disneyland and Las Vegas Monorails, and light rail vehicle (LRV) systems throughout the United States, including Salt Lake City, Denver, San Diego, Santa Clara, Sacramento, Phoenix, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Norfolk, Portland, Tucson, St. Louis, Charlotte, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, and Boston. Having supplied thousands of articulation systems to cities throughout North America, Hubner USA is also a major supplier of articulation systems to the bus market. Focusing on quality, safety, design and engineering has made Hubner USA the industry leader of articulation systems for buses during the past 15 years. Hubner USA’s articulation systems are manufactured in the United States and are fully compliant with the Buy America Act. In 1999, the company began production of jet gangway canopies for the airline industry. In 2005, Hubner USA implemented a new product line – an energy absorbing bumper for light rail vehicles and trams, which

are currently in service in Phoenix and Seattle. In 2011, HUBNER-USA celebrated 15 years of successful business. For more information on Hubner Manufacturing Corporation, visit www.hubner-usa.com.

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