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BorgWarner Inc. expanding operations in Oconee County

***\$24.6 million investment expected
to create 105 new jobs***

This Veterans Day, as we honor the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in our country's armed forces, we also pay tribute to their many contributions to our state.

The military footprint in South Carolina is strong and undeniable. Each year, the United States military brings a nearly \$16 billion economic impact to the Palmetto State and supports more than 138,000 jobs. These numbers only tell part of the story. The flow of military dollars from the U.S. National Guard, retirees and defense contractors also causes a ripple effect statewide and gives a boost to our local communities.

However, the military's true impact is more than numbers and percentages; its values of trust, loyalty, service and integrity are woven into the very fabric of our state.

On this Veterans Day, we here at Commerce salute our armed services and its long-standing history in South Carolina. Through the efforts of the Military Base Task Force, which recently was relocated to Commerce, and our encouragement of veterans-based initiatives and programs, we remain steadfast in our support of South Carolina's military community,

BorgWarner Inc., a global leader in powertrain technology, is expanding its existing manufacturing capabilities in Seneca in Oconee County. The \$24.6 million investment is expected to create approximately 105 new jobs.

"South Carolina is just right for the automotive industry, which has been accelerating for the past two decades," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt. "BorgWarner's further investment in our Upstate is welcome news, and we are prepared to continue to support their growth right here in South Carolina."

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Fitesa Simpsonville to expand facility in Greenville County

***\$50 million investment expected
to create 32 new jobs***

and honor their service and contributions to our state.

- Secretary Bobby Hitt

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Fitesa Simpsonville, Inc., a global leader and innovator in the design and manufacture of nonwoven fabric solutions for the global hygiene market, is

expanding its existing facility in Greenville County. The \$50 million investment is expected to generate 32 new jobs.

"It's always exciting to see an existing business expand in our state," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We applaud Fitesa for investing another \$50 million in Simpsonville and creating 32 new jobs for our state."

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Mergon Corporation expanding operations in Anderson County

\$4.4 million investment expected to create 22 new jobs

Mergon Corporation, which specializes in supplying solutions and products to the automotive, industrial and healthcare markets, is expanding its existing manufacturing facility in Anderson County. The \$4.4 million investment is expected to generate 22 new jobs in the area.

"South Carolina is at the center of the nation's manufacturing renaissance," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt. "Mergon's presence in our state for the past 15 years reinforces that South Carolinians make things and make them well."

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