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### **Emitec To Expand Laurens County Manufacturing Plant** *\$3 Million Investment By Automotive Component Manufacturer To Create 20 New Jobs*

**COLUMBIA, S.C. –** [Emitec](#), an exhaust technology company and wholly owned subsidiary of Continental, is expanding its Laurens County manufacturing plant to boost capacity and serve new automotive customers. The \$3 million investment, which will add new equipment to manufacture catalytic converter substrates, will create 20 new jobs.

Emitec was previously a joint venture of international automotive suppliers Continental and GKN prior to Continental acquiring 100 percent ownership of the company in July 2014. The company operates at 400 South Nelson Drive in Fountain Inn, where it has produced automotive exhaust parts since 1997. The Fountain Inn facility currently employs around 55 personnel.

The company expects to begin hiring for the new jobs in first quarter of 2015. Those interested in the positions – which include both hourly production associates and salaried associates – may apply by submitting resumes to Emitec at 400 South Nelson Drive, Fountain Inn, SC 29644.

Founded in 1986, Emitec employs approximately 900 staff across its locations on three continents. It operates production sites in Germany, France, India and South Carolina. Emitec customers include global car, truck and motorcycle manufacturers, as well as makers of off-road machinery in such sectors and agriculture and construction.

#### **QUOTES**

“Emitec is proud to call South Carolina home and could not be more pleased to be able to announce a further step of growth to our facility here in Fountain Inn. We are hoping to continue our growth into the future together with the fine state of South Carolina and the Upstate.” –Juergen Wagner, VP of Operations, Emitec, Inc.

“For nearly 20 years, Emitec has been a strong member of our state’s business community, and we couldn’t

be more excited that they are expanding and creating 20 more jobs in Fountain Inn. Bringing new companies to South Carolina will always be important, but so is taking care of the ones we already have, and this is a great example of how those efforts are paying off.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“South Carolina’s automotive sector, including tires, employs nearly 60,000 in the state. Expansions like this one are more proof that automotive manufacturing is driving the economy here in the Palmetto State.”  
–Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“We are thrilled that Emitec chose Laurens County for this expansion. We have had a great relationship with Emitec for almost twenty years, and we look forward to many more. This expansion is just one more example of Laurens County being a great place to do business.” – Jim Coleman, Chairman of Laurens County Council

## **FIVE FAST FACTS**

- Exhaust technology manufacturer Emitec is expanding its Laurens County manufacturing facility.
- \$3 million investment is expected to create 20 new jobs.
- Emitec is a wholly owned subsidiary of Continental, one of the world’s leading automotive suppliers.
- Positions to be filled include hourly production associates and salaried associates.
- Interested candidates may apply for the new jobs beginning in the first quarter of 2015.

### ***About Emitec:***

*Emitec now being a wholly owned part of the international automotive supplier Continental AG and part of the business unit “Fuel and Exhaust Management” will add to the comprehensive portfolio of components for exhaust aftertreatment and enable Continental to now offer end-to-end systems.*

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