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Governor Nikki Haley, U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, Michelin officials and leaders from Lexington and Anderson Counties yesterday announced Michelin will expand its Earthmover tire production in South Carolina with a \$750 million investment expected to generate 500 new jobs. When added to the \$200 million announced last May in Lexington, this announcement brings the total Michelin investment in South Carolina to almost \$1 billion in the last year.

Here's what people are saying about yesterday's announcement:

"South Carolina is the right place to be..." ([Clemson University economist Bruce Yandle, in the Greenville News, 4/11/2012](#))

"It's the latest in a string of big manufacturing projects headed to South Carolina." ([Ely Portillo, Charlotte Observer, South Carolina lures Michelin jobs in latest manufacturing coup, 4/10/2012](#))

"Gov. Nikki Haley was right this time: Tuesday was a great day in South Carolina..." ([Anderson Independent Mail, Editorial, 4/11/2012](#))

"It's a revival...We're turning the corner in terms of job creation and manufacturing." ([University of South Carolina Moore School of Business economist Doug Woodward, in the Charlotte Observer, 4/11/2012](#))

"Today is a day of celebration, not only for Michelin but also for the state of South Carolina." ([Michelin's Pete Selleck, in The State, 4/11/2012](#))

"South Carolina seems to be beating us for a lot of big projects." ([Greensboro, N.C, News and Record, 4/11/2012](#))

"[Michelin's chairman and president Pete] Selleck said South Carolina's 'pro-business attitude' and solid labor force played a part in Michelin's decision to add jobs to two regions in this state." ([Nikie Mayo, Anderson Independent Mail, "Michelin to open earthmover tire manufacturing plant in Starr," 4/11/2012](#))

"That's a big deal. South Carolina has had this very impressive roster of companies associated with the auto industry coming in or expanding, positioning the state for growth and leadership." ([Sujit CanagaRetna, senior analyst with the Council of State Governments, in the Greenville News, 4/11/2012](#))

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