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Evonik Corporation Launching Manufacturing Operations In Berkeley County *New Development Will Result In At Least \$120 Million Of New Investment In Lowcountry*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Evonik Corporation, a German chemical manufacturing company, is launching new operations in Berkeley County. The project will result in at least \$120 million of new capital investment and the creation of more than 50 jobs.

Evonik is one of the world's leading specialty chemicals companies and employs more than 33,500 people worldwide. With business activities across more than 100 countries, Evonik produces chemicals for a variety of applications, including adhesives, cleaning products, construction materials and more.

Located at the Charleston International Manufacturing Center at 1588 Bushy Park Road in Goose Creek, S. C., Evonik is building a precipitated silica plant to supply the tire industry. The industry requires high-quality precipitated silica to produce fuel-efficient tires with wet grip properties, which can save up to eight percent in fuel consumption compared to conventional car tires.

Construction on the new facility is expected to begin this month with completion expected by mid-2018. For more information on joining the Evonik team, visit the company's [career page online](#).

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to this project. A \$500,000 grant was also awarded to Berkeley County to assist with the costs of real property improvements.

QUOTES

“The construction of a world-scale silica plant will strengthen our Resource Efficiency growth segment in the long-term and boost our leading market position as a provider of silica. This facility is an important part of our strategy to expand our position as a global partner for the automotive supplier industry.” –Evonik Industries AG Executive Board Chairman Klaus Engel

“We are excited to welcome Evonik Corporation to the South Carolina family and to congratulate its leadership on the decision to invest in our people and our state. This \$120 million investment, and the 50 new jobs it means for Berkeley County, is a real reason to celebrate, and we look forward to seeing the impact that this fantastic company will have in the Lowcountry.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“Congratulations to Evonik for announcing their new Berkeley County operations. We're thrilled to see South Carolina's manufacturing base continue to expand, creating jobs and opportunities for the people of this great state.” –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“Berkeley County is truly honored to have Evonik call our community its new home and welcome their investment and the jobs they offer. Evonik's selection of Berkeley County is further proof that Berkeley County is open for business, and Berkeley County means business. While working with Evonik over the past year, I am confident that they will succeed in Berkeley County and look forward to working with them to see

job creation opportunities for our residents for many years to come.” –Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler

“Evonik’s decision to locate in the Charleston region demonstrates that this community offers the competitive advantages global companies need to succeed, including an adaptable and enthusiastic workforce. Foreign direct investment is a key component of this region’s economic development strategy. The opportunities here for business and talent are tremendous, and we’re glad to welcome Evonik.”
–Charleston Regional Development Alliance Board Chair Todd Gallati

“Charleston International Manufacturing Center is pleased to welcome Evonik to our growing number of international companies located within the park. Evonik’s rich history, German roots and company values will augment very well with the parks’ other tenants. With an exceptional area workforce, existing infrastructure, marine, rail, interstate access and more, CIMC has proven to be the perfect site to establish and grow business.” –President and CEO of Charleston International Manufacturing Center (CIMC) Marc Fetten

“SC Ports Authority congratulates Evonik on announcing its new manufacturing plant, and looks forward to serving its growing cargo needs through the Port of Charleston. We welcome Evonik to the Lowcountry.”
–SC Ports Authority President and CEO Jim Newsome

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Evonik Corporation is building a new precipitated silica manufacturing facility in Berkeley County.
- At least \$120 million of new investment to create more than 50 new jobs.
- Evonik is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of specialty chemicals across a variety of applications.
- The new facility will be located at the Charleston International Manufacturing Center at 1588 Bushy Park Road in Goose Creek, S.C.
- For more information on joining the Evonik team, visit the company’s [career page online](#).

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