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Industry expanding, adding 85 jobs

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SENECA — A local manufacturer of retail and industrial cutting tools has announced an $18 million expansion that should create 85 new jobs over the next five years.

Greenfield Industries Inc., on S.C. Highway 123, plans to expand its facility by 50,000 square feet and add a North American distribution center.

"We are pleased to move forward with plans to expand our facility, which will help us meet customer demand for our products as well as improve the efficiency of our operations," said Ty Taylor, president of Greenfield Industries.

"Oconee County has provided us with an excellent business environment and a strong work force. We appreciate all the support we've received from state and local officials," he added.

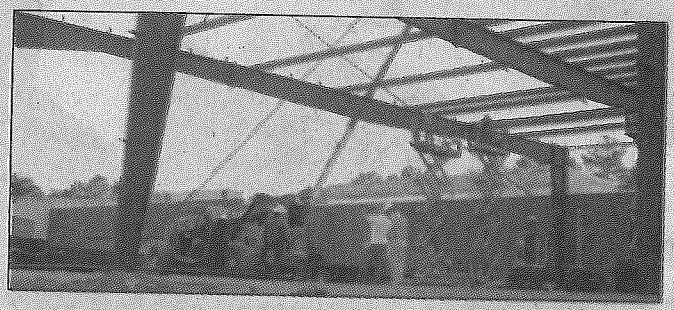
The expansion, Taylor said, also will allow the company to consolidate some operations.

Greenfield plans to begin hiring for the new positions this month through Phillips Staffing in Seneca.

S.C. Secretary of Commerce Joe Taylor made the public announcement.

"Greenfield Industries' announcement is a positive sign that Oconee County has laid the groundwork necessary to encourage economic growth, and we believe this is the start of more good things to come,"

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Greenfield Industries on Highway 123 near Seneca has begun work on an $18 million expansion that will create 85 jobs over the next five years.

and conference room, Hansen said developers plan to go back before

"I want to see things happening," Abernathy said.

solvent" and want to get the project moving again as soon as possible.

Paterno said last year the initial bank lender released some funds to

some preliminary work that includes engineering, double checking

building each week."

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Taylor said.

The news was also greeted locally by county and elected state officials.

"I am extremely pleased that Greenfield Industries has chosen to expand its operations in Oconee County," said State Rep. Bill Sandifer, R-Seneca. "Their additional investment in our county and the creation of 85 new jobs is certainly welcome news, but never so welcome as in today's environment."

State Sen. Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla, echoed Sandifer's excitement.

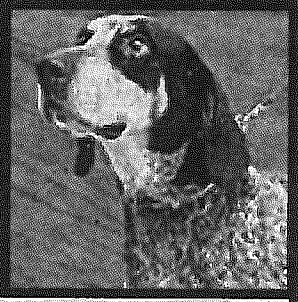
"Greenfield Industries has been a great corporate citizen in Oconee County. This expansion demonstrates their commitment to our citizens, our exceptional work force and our community," Alexander said.

"It is important that we continue to be partners to ensure a competitive environment for their continued success. I am appreciative that the Oconee County site was selected for these additional jobs and investment."

Greenfield produces a range of precision, expendable cutting tools for both the consumer a industrial markets.

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