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Plastics plant plans Upstate site

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South Carolina Plastics LLC, a subsidiary of Carolina Technical Plastics Corp., a maker of plastic automotive components, plans to establish its new facility in Greenville County, company and state officials said Wednesday.

The $12 million investment is expected to generate 119 new jobs.

"We are excited about moving forward with plans for our new facility in Greenville County. South Carolina offers us an excellent business climate and a close proximity to customers, as well as a talented work force," said Martin Kean, vice president of Carolina Technical Plastics Corp. and South Carolina Plastics LLC.

South Carolina Plastics LLC is a subsidiary of Carolina Technical Plastics, which is a part of the Wirthwein AG Group with headquarters in Creglingen, Germany. Officials said the company will establish a new manufacturing operation at 800 Woodside Ave. in Greenville County after completion of due-diligence activities and acquisition of the Fountain Inn site.

The company creates automotive components such as door modules, door handles, cable drum housings and covers for seat belts, among other components for the automotive industry as well as the home appliance, medical and rail industries. The new facility is expected to be operating by February 2013.

South Carolina Plastics' decision to locate in Greenville County "affirms that this area's burgeoning advanced manufacturing cluster continues to grow and thrive, and should serve as a magnet for more suppliers, more talented individuals and more good paying jobs for our community," said Butch Kirven, a director of the Greenville Area Development Corp. and chairman of Greenville County Council.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved a governor's closing fund grant for $825,000 for building upfit, site preparation and infrastructure, state officials said.

Since January 2011, South Carolina has recruited more than $4.4 billion in capital investment and more than 6,800 jobs in the automotive-related sector, the officials said.