Volvo bringing plant to SC

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COLUMBIA — Another automotive manufacturer is coming to the Southeast, and this time South Carolina won the prize.

Volvo Cars announced Monday that it will build a $500 million plant — its first in the U.S. — and eventually employ up to 4,000 people at the Berkley County site, about 30 miles northwest of Charleston.

Volvo is the third foreign automaker to put a U.S. plant in South Carolina. BMW led the way for manufacturing on American soil when it built a plant in Greer more than 20 years ago. Daimler AG is building its Sprinter vans at a plant about 15 miles down Interstate 26 in Ladson.

In the past two decades, Nissan has built plants in Tennessee and Mississippi; Kia in Georgia; Volkswagen in Tennessee; and Honda, Mercedes-Benz and Hyundai in Alabama.