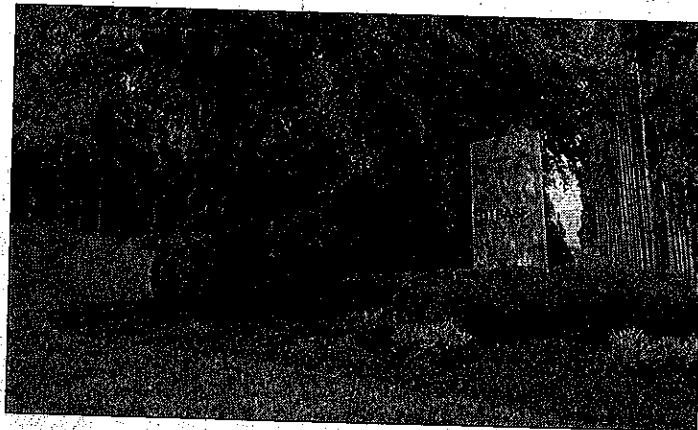


# BASF set to expand with \$40M investment over next five years

Number of new jobs expected to be announced next quarter

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Production at the Seneca BASF plant began in 1987, and the company is set to invest more than \$40 million in an expansion project over the next five years.

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**SENECA** — A Seneca industrial company is set to invest more than \$40 million in an expansion project over the next five years.

Oconee County Council approved an amended fee-in-lieu-of-tax exemption with BASF on Tuesday night, contingent on the company investing at least \$40 million into the project by the end of 2025.

BASF did not have an exact number of how many employees could be hired through the expansion project at the existing facility.

A representative for BASF told The

Journal the Seneca site currently has 50 open positions, and the number of new jobs planned could be announced in the first quarter of 2021.

"It's great to see continued expansion of our current industries. Oconee County has proven that when industries have located here, they have continued to expand," council chairman Julian Davis told The Journal. "That speaks volumes to the workforce that works for these companies and the ease of them being able to grow in a vibrant community."

The proposed expansion will seek final company approval in Germany in the first quarter of next year and, if approved, construction work will begin 12-18 months later.

A fact sheet from BASF, which was updated at the end of 2018, said there are more than 400 contractor employees at the plant, located on Engelhard Drive. Production began in 1987, dealing in chemical catalysts and precious metal salts and solutions to produce a variety of projects.