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## Local company set to expand, add jobs

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SENECA — A local supplier of environmental and process catalysts recently announced plans to expand operations in Oconee County, creating 50 new jobs.

An expansion to BASF Corporation's site at Engelhard Drive in Seneca is expected to be completed by mid-2022, according to an announcement made by South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster's office last week.

"When companies like BASF Corporation expand within our borders, it benefits the entire state. Today, we celebrate this project, which will create 50 new jobs — proving once again that South Carolina is not only just right for business, but also just right for growth," McMaster said in a statement.

The release said BASF Corporation's Oconee facility is a specialty chemical catalyst man-

ufacturing operation. Workers use a refinery process to recycle spent catalysts and produce solutions that are used to manufacture herbicides, plastics, pharmaceuticals, auto-emission catalysts and fertilizers," the release said.

"As we expand our capacity to recycle and refine spent catalysts, BASF Corporation in Seneca is proud to further invest in South Carolina and in the Oconee area," site director Elba Lizardi said.

"BASF Corporation's presence in Oconee County has made a tremendous impact on our community over the last 15 years," Oconee County Council chairman John Elliott added. "Their expansion of an additional 50 high-paying jobs for our residents is a testament to their commitment to our community and confidence in our workforce. We congratulate our friends at BASF Corporation."