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Standard Textile expanding facility in Union County

More than \$2.5 million investment expected to create 15 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – July 22, 2013 – Standard Textile today announced plans to expand its existing operations in Union County. The more than \$2.5 million investment is expected to generate 15 new jobs.

“We are excited about the opportunity to expand our existing operations in Union County. South Carolina has provided us with a skilled workforce and an excellent environment in which to do business. We appreciate all the support we’ve received from state and local officials,” said Russ Ogle, plant manager for Standard Textile.

Standard Textile is in the process of expanding their existing manufacturing operations in Union County, located at 100 Highpoint Drive. The \$2.5 million investment is to expand, consolidate and incorporate new innovations in terry towel finishing in Standard Textile's U.S. terry towel manufacturing operations. The company manufactures textiles for customers in the healthcare, hospitality, decorative products and industrial laundry markets. The expansion is expected to be completed by the end of September.

“It’s exciting to see another one of our existing businesses expand here in South Carolina. We celebrate Standard Textile’s decision to invest \$2.5 million and create 15 new jobs in Union. Today’s announcement is also another win for one of our state’s rural areas,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

Since January 2011, South Carolina has recruited more than \$9 billion in capital investment and more than 23,000 jobs in the manufacturing sector. During the same time period, more than \$1.28 billion and more than 8,700 jobs have been created in rural counties.

“Manufacturers continue to locate and grow operations in all parts of the Palmetto State. We appreciate Standard Textile’s continued commitment to South Carolina. Every one of these new jobs will have an impact in Union County,” said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

“I am delighted with Standard Textile’s announcement to increase its investment in Union County and to provide more job opportunities for our citizens,” said Union County Council Chairman and Supervisor Thomas L. Sinclair. “Standard Textile and Union County both have a long, rich history and legacy in the textile industry. The expansion at their Union facility is evidence of the continuing and increasing confidence that industry has in our community and our workforce.”

“I would like to thank Standard Textile for their commitment to invest \$2.5 million dollars and to add 15 new associates at their facility in Union,” said Joe F. Nichols, City of Union utilities director and chairman of the Union County Development Board. “It is very exciting to see a textile company expand after decades of these facilities downsizing their operations. I want to especially thank the City of Union for working closely with Standard Textile’s local management as well as their corporate management to work through critical wastewater issues and for accommodating the company’s expansion criteria.”

Anyone interested in job opportunities with the company should visit Standard Textile's website, www.standardtextile.com.

About S.C. Department of Commerce

As South Carolina's leading economic development agency, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new businesses and help existing businesses grow. Commerce has recruited world-class companies to South Carolina such as Boeing, Bridgestone, Continental, Monster.com, Heinz, ZF Group, BMW and Google Inc. and also supports small and existing business, rural development initiatives and community development. Commerce partners with the [S.C. Technical College System](#) via [readySC](#) to support workforce training and recruiting, and with the [S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce](#), which provides worker training and employment opportunities within the state. South Carolina has been ranked first in attracting jobs through foreign investment by IBM-Plant Location International. The state won the Gold Shovel Award and the Project of Year Award from Area Development magazine in 2012. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

About Standard Textile

Founded in 1940, Standard Textile has developed a culture of innovation, quality, and service. With more than 70 patents, its products are engineered to deliver durability, longevity, and value. A vertically integrated company, Standard Textile is a leading global provider of total solutions in the institutional textiles and apparel markets. Leveraging textile design, manufacturing and laundry expertise, and its global infrastructure, the company serves customers in the healthcare, hospitality, decorative products and industrial laundry markets worldwide.

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