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Eberspaecher North America Announces New Facility in Greenville County

Investment expected to create 30 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – June 2, 2010 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce and Greenville Area Development Corporation today announced that Eberspaecher North America will open its new automotive production facility in Greenville County. The \$5 million investment is expected to generate 30 new jobs.

“We are pleased to be locating our new facility in the South Carolina Upstate. The location will put us very close to our customer, BMW, and provide us with an excellent business environment in which to operate. We look forward to starting operations there and appreciate all the support we have received from state and local officials,” said Dennis Berry, President and CEO of Eberspaecher North America.

The new facility, located at 65 Brookfield Oaks in the City of Mauldin, will be the first South Carolina location for the company, and production for the plant is planned to begin sometime in August 2010. The company currently has operations in Alabama, Michigan, Ontario and is headquartered in Germany.

“We continue to see growth in the state’s automotive sector as more suppliers locate operations here, and Eberspaecher North America is the latest example. South Carolina affords exceptional access, not only to manufacturers like BMW, but also to markets throughout the Southeast. Couple that with a skilled workforce and a world-class port in Charleston, and it is no wonder more companies are bringing their business to the Palmetto State. We appreciate Eberspaecher’s decision to locate in South Carolina and wish them much success in their endeavors here,” said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

“Eberspaecher North America’s decision to locate its new production facility here in Greenville County is welcome news, and the product of a team effort involving participants at the local and state level,” noted H.G. “Butch” Kirven Jr., Greenville Area Development Corporation board member and chairman of Greenville County Council. “Their decision affirms that this area’s burgeoning automotive 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.”

“We’re pleased that Eberspaecher North America recognizes the many advantages that Mauldin and Greenville County offer their company,” said Mayor Don Godbey of the City of Mauldin. “As an innovative organization with global opportunities in the automotive industry, we are pleased to welcome the company as our newest corporate citizen and a member of our South Carolina business community.”

The company began hiring for the Greenville location in December 2009, and hiring efforts continue to date. Anyone interested may send their resume to: hr.sc@eberspaecher.com.

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Eberspaecher ranks amongst the leading system developers and suppliers of exhaust technology, vehicle heating and bus AC systems worldwide and is also involved in vehicle electronics and automotive bus systems. Its customers include almost all European and North American, and increasingly more Asian manufacturers of passenger cars and commercial vehicles. In 2008, the internationally active group of companies, with approximately, 5,500 employees in 19 countries, posted sales of over 2.2 billion euros. For more information on Eberspaecher, visit www.eberspaecher.com.

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