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GADC ANNOUNCES NEW INDUSTRIAL PROJECT FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY

*Greenville, SC.....*The **Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC)** is pleased to announce that **Essig Tool and Die, LLC** has selected Greenville County as the location of its newest facility.

Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, **Essig Tool and Die** was initially formed eight years ago as an engineering service company (Essig Research) to the aerospace industry. Since that time, it has grown and expanded to three locations: Cincinnati, Ohio; Zihuatanejo, Mexico; and now in Greenville, SC.

Essig provides a wide range of support to their aerospace clients, including design and analysis to a finished tool. Their highly skilled toolmakers produce a wide range of jigs, fixtures, assembly tools, master gauges and precision machines.

Operating from their new location in the Donaldson Center, **Essig** will employ 50 people and will invest approximately \$650,000.

"We would like to thank the Greenville Area Development Corporation and Doug Webster with Grubb & Ellis/The Furman Company for assisting us in Greenville," says Ken Taggart, President of **Essig Tool and Die, LLC**. "We look forward to a long and prosperous future here."

As with all new industrial projects, **Essig** was a competitive search in many different states and communities. Greenville was the final choice of **Essig** due to its favorable business climate, its location, and the support and work done by the GADC, Donaldson Center, and other economic development allies.

"We are extremely happy to welcome **Essig Tool and Die, LLC** to Greenville County's incredible industrial group," says Bill Workman, Chairman of GADC. "**Essig's** selection of Greenville re-emphasizes the fact that Greenville continues to be a major player in economic development. They will provide much needed and excellent employment opportunities."

"By developing and growing here, Essig already knows that the Upstate has the necessary access to a talented workforce and highway infrastructure to ensure profitability," said SC Commerce Secretary Charles S. Way, Jr. "With this announcement today, South Carolina will assist Essig in reaching its next level of success."

The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County.