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### **EUROKERA TO EXPAND FOUNTAIN INN FACILITY**

**(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC)** The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that EuroKera will expand its manufacturing facility located in the Southchase Industrial Park in Fountain Inn. The \$15 Million announced capital investment will add approximately 60,000 square feet to the size of the existing facility and result in approximately 10 new jobs being created.

EuroKera is a joint venture between Corning, Inc. and the French glass company, Saint Gobain. It is a leading manufacturer of glass ceramic cook tops for consumer ovens. While glass melting occurs at a plant in France, the Fountain Inn plant along with a sister plant in France use a technically advanced finishing process and then forward the cook tops on to their customers.

“The EuroKera organization is very proud to have been a member of the Greenville Community for the past seven years,” said Albert DiGiovanni, President of EuroKera. “We are excited about our continuing growth in the Greenville area and appreciate the GADC’s and County Council’s role in providing a favorable environment for our planned investment. ”

“Innovative and progressive companies like EuroKera have discovered that South Carolina has the talented workers they need to reach their business goals,” said Governor Jim Hodges. “EuroKera’s expansion demonstrates that they have met their initial benchmarks and want to continue where the business climate positively impacts their bottom-line.”

“County Council’s goal is to provide a business environment where companies find Greenville County the best place to grow,” said Dozier Brooks, County Council Chairman. “When they grow and create good jobs, everyone wins, most importantly our citizens. ”

“Perceptions abound that high-tech and manufacturing in our community are mutually exclusive,” said Bill Workman, Chairman of the GADC’s Board, “EuroKera applies advanced, sophisticated processes to a material -- glass/ceramics -- that’s been around a good while. What a fine example of the manufacturing companies we need for today and tomorrow.”

“Given the recent layoffs in our community, we are very pleased by EuroKera’s good news and hope there is more to come,” said Wayne Davis, Mayor of Fountain Inn.

“This is exciting news for the Upstate,” said Sam Konduros, President of the Upstate Alliance, “it truly demonstrates the diversity of our manufacturing base and that the Upstate is the right environment for growth even with the challenging economy.”

EuroKera began production at its Greenville facility in 1995; today, the plant employs approximately 75 manufacturing associates.

*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.*