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GLOBAL PERFORMANCE TO EXPAND ENGINEERING HEADQUARTERS

(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC) The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that **Global Performance, LLC** will further expand its engineering headquarters in Greenville. Currently located on Pelham Road, **Global Performance** will move to occupy 19,000 square of existing office space in Easlan Capital's/Highwood Properties' Patewood Office Park to accommodate approximately 80 new engineers that it will hire between now and year-end. **Global Performance** expects to grow by some 150 to 200 new positions in the next two to three years. **Global Performance** provides engineering, project and construction management services to the Process, Industrial, Automotive and Institutional Markets.

Some of the expected job growth will occur in PME, Palmetto Management & Engineering (PME), a subsidiary of **Global Performance** that provides engineering and construction management services to Invista. Invista is a global leader in the manufacturing of apparel and performance fibers and resins. Invista has plants throughout the world and the Southeastern United States. South Carolina sites include Spartanburg, Greer, Camden and Winnsboro—plants formerly belonging to DuPont and KoSa. Invista will also co-locate a regional engineering office with Global Performance/PME at the Patewood Office Park in Greenville.

Global Performance and Invista began working with the Greenville Area Development Corporation in the Spring of 2004. Other states that were considered for this engineering activity include Delaware and North Carolina. Agencies supporting the GADC and the SC Department of Commerce in the recruitment effort were the Center for Accelerated Technology Training, Greenville Technical College, the Greenville County Workforce Investment Board, the City of Greenville, the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greenville County's Codes Enforcement Department and Duke Power.

"We are excited about finalizing our new location in the Greenville area. The Upstate of South Carolina has an excellent engineering resource base that will allow us to continue growing our business and meeting our customers' expectations," said Jay Alexander, Executive Vice President for **Global Performance** and President of it subsidiary company, Palmetto Management and Engineering.

"We are committed to improving the soil conditions for businesses in South Carolina so companies like **Global Performance** can continue to thrive and grow," said Gov. Mark Sanford. "This is all a part of continuing to build on our efforts to make the state more attractive to businesses as well as focusing on raising income levels for all South Carolinians."

"We're pleased that **Global Performance** is expanding its engineering headquarters and adding vital, high-paying knowledge-based jobs to the state's economy," said Secretary of Commerce Bob Faith. "Helping existing companies remain competitive continues to be a key part of our economic development strategy to raise South Carolina's employment and income levels."

"As we look at our long-term economic development goals, we are especially excited about this announcement," said Butch Kirven, Greenville County Council Chairman. "It is value-added engineering in support of advanced materials/textile manufacturing creating high paying jobs."

"In 2004, *Inc.* Magazine named **Global Performance** to its list of Fastest Growing Privately Held Companies" said Ray Lattimore, GADC Chairman. "We think this speaks volumes about not only our business climate, but what Greenville can offer entrepreneurial ventures."

For more information on **Global Performance**, please visit www.globalperformance.net. Individuals interested in employment opportunities at **Global Performance** can send their personal profiles electronically to resumes@globalperformance.net.

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.