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### MAILLIS STRAPPING SYSTEMS USA CHOOSES FOUNTAIN INN

**(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC)** The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that **Maillis Strapping Systems USA** will locate its North American headquarters in a 70,000 square foot facility located in the City of Fountain Inn.

**Maillis Strapping Systems USA** will invest approximately \$15,000,000 in new capital and create 60 new jobs. The project involves the creation of plastic strapping production lines in addition to the company's existing product lines in Europe. Expansion and upfit of the building is set to begin this month. Upon completion, the building will consist of office and manufacturing/production space. Production will begin in early summer.

**M.J.MAILLIS GROUP**, headquartered in Athens, Greece, is a manufacturer of industrial packaging machines and consumables with annual sales of \$450 million, and is one of the leading multinational groups of companies providing globally complete "end-of-line" technical solutions for any industrial application. The Group offers through its international distribution network industrial packaging machines, tools, after sales service and consumables. It has physical presence in 20 countries, while it operates in more than 52 countries through a network of 31 owned affiliates and more than 350 independent distributors. The investment in **Maillis Strapping Systems USA** together with the Group's established machines business create the "springboard" for aggressive expansion in the US market.

"In our corporate location decision-making process, clearly no other area was as proactive as Greenville," said John Kourouglos, **Maillis Strapping Systems'** Chief Operating Officer, "The GADC, City of Fountain Inn, and the South Carolina Department of Commerce are to be commended."

"Our state has had some success in attracting capital investment from international companies--and this announcement is obviously evidence of that paying off in terms of jobs," said Gov. Mark Sanford. "To increase our competitiveness, we've got to improve our state's underlying business climate. For us, that starts with income tax relief that will stimulate growth, investment and job creation from homegrown, national and international companies alike."

"The location of more headquarters facilities in our state plays right into our strategy of growing our knowledge base in order to help raise the standard of living in South Carolina," said Commerce Secretary Bob Faith. "What's more, we're thrilled to be adding another fine company to our plastics sector."

"We are excited to welcome the first Greek company to the Greenville area business community. We appreciate that they will provide new opportunities for the hard-working citizens of Greenville County," said Butch Kirven, Chairman of Greenville County Council. "**Maillis Strapping Systems USA** is a great international company, and we are very pleased about their decision to locate here in Fountain Inn."

"Our international companies, like **Maillis Strapping Systems**, have found that Greenville has the knowledgeable workers, the infrastructure and the positive business climate it needs to prosper," said GADC Chairman Brent Clinkscale. "Our county's future looks brighter as more companies discover the benefits of a Greenville County location."

"We are elated that **Maillis Strapping Systems** has opened its North American Headquarters in Fountain Inn. As we continue to search for innovative companies that create quality jobs, and superior products, **Maillis Strapping Systems**, certainly fills the bill. We are certainly excited at the addition of **Maillis Strapping Systems** to our

community and look forward to many years of productive and fruitful service.” quote from Mayor Gary Long, City of Fountain Inn.

For employment opportunities please mail your resume to the attention of HR Department, **Maillis Strapping Systems USA**, 404 Wall Street, 29644 Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

*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.*