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STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS TO EXPAND

(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC) The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that Standard Motor Products will expand its Pelham Road manufacturing facility in Greenville. Competitive with other U.S. locations, the expansion will involve the creation of some 150 to 200 new jobs as the company adds additional manufacturing capacity. Further, the new growth represents an additional investment of some \$10 million as new equipment is brought into the facility.

Publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and headquartered in Long Island, NY, SMP supplies functional replacement parts for the aftermarket, for the engine management and temperature control systems of cars, trucks, buses and tractors. The company services all makes and models, both new and older cars, imported and domestic. These products are sold through both traditional and non-traditional distribution channels, throughout the United States and in many other countries. The company employs approximately 3,300 at its factories and distribution centers in North America, Europe, and Hong Kong.

The Greenville facility currently employs 70 full-time employees and specializes in the manufacture of automotive fuel injectors and ignition components. As a result of the expansion, the company will add an additional injector line as well as other sensor and engine management component lines.

“We have been extremely pleased with the overall performance of the Greenville facility, which was acquired in 2002,” said Mark Payne, Standard Motor’s local plant manager. “In consideration of the quality of the available workforce combined with state and local incentives, this facility was favored to receive significant growth opportunities.”

“Standard Motor exemplifies the winning combination of manufacturing and technology. This company is a clear example of how growth occurs by embracing innovation,” said Secretary of Commerce Bob Faith.

“Many good manufacturing employees have been put out of work this year,” said Phyllis Henderson, Chairwoman of County Council, “we are very appreciative of the new jobs that Standard Motors Products will create.”

“Having a market leader like Standard Motor expand in Greenville says a lot about what we have to offer,” said Bill Workman, chairman of the board of the GADC, “Capturing more of an automotive innovator like SMP is especially exciting as we go about the business of building an automotive research center of excellence.”

“Standard Motor Products’ decision to grow their operations in Greenville is yet another example of how important our existing industry is to our economy and its development,” stated George Acker, Chairman of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce. “While Greenville is quickly becoming the automotive hub of the Southeast, Standard Motor Products is solidifying its leadership in the automotive fields of aftermarket engine management and temperature control parts.”

For more information on Standard Motor Products, please see www.smpcorp.com.

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.