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Dutchland Plastics Launches Operations in Greenville County, SC

***Acquisition of CSI means new facility could add up to 25 new jobs over
next 12 months***

GREENVILLE, S.C. – February 28, 2012 – The [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#) and the [Greenville Area Development Corporation](#) today announced that Dutchland Plastics Southeast, LLC has completed the acquisition of the assets of Continental Southern Industries (CSI) of Greenville, SC, allowing Dutchland to broaden its geographic footprint into the Southeastern United States for the first time. The company, a leading manufacturer of rotational and blow molded plastic products, expects to generate up to 25 new jobs over the next twelve months as the acquired operations are fully assimilated into Dutchland.

“We are extremely pleased to establish our new Southeastern operations here in Greenville County, and we expect that doing so will allow us to significantly grow in sales, profitability and service delivery to our customers,” said Mike DeHaai, Dutchland’s vice president of Operations. “The Upstate is a hub for top manufacturing talent and will provide an excellent home for our growing business, and we appreciate all of the support we have received from local and state officials.”



Founded in 1967 and ISO 9001-certified, privately held Dutchland Plastics Corp. of Oostburg, WI is parent of Dutchland Plastics Southeast, LLC. The company provides rotational and blow molded plastic products to a range of industries, including the lawn and garden, food and beverage, chemical storage, recreational, military and consumer markets.

“CSI earned its reputation for providing large, custom blow molding capabilities,” said Carl Claerbout, Dutchland CEO and co-owner. “At Dutchland, we have molded our reputation on customer service. The combination of our strong reputation with CSI’s capabilities, specialized equipment and Southeastern presence will be a powerful benefit to our customers.”

Dutchland's operations, located at 401 Furman Hall Road in Greenville, will encompass more than 74,000 square feet and include manufacturing, assembly, design, quality support, marketing, sales, and administrative functions.

"It's exciting to see more and more companies learn the benefits of doing business in South Carolina. We welcome Dutchland to the Palmetto State and celebrate the 25 new jobs the company will create in Greenville," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

Last year, South Carolina has recruited more than \$4.7 billion in investment and more than 13,000 new jobs in the manufacturing sector.

"Manufacturing was our top sector last year, and with announcements like this one by Dutchland Plastics, the sector continues to grow and create jobs. South Carolinians know how to make things, and more companies are finding that out," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

Nine employees are already in place at the former CSI location, and an additional 20-25 will be added over approximately the next 12 months, DeHaai noted. **readySC** will assist the company by providing specialized training assistance to its expanding workforce. Individuals interested in applying for positions in manufacturing, assembly, design, quality control and administrative support can submit resumes to mdehaai@dutchlandplastics.com or visit the company website at www.dutchlandplastics.com/employment.

"Dutchland Plastics Southeast is another great example of a family owned manufacturer choosing to grow in the Upstate." said Chris Riley, chairman of the Greenville Area Development Corporation. "We are pleased to welcome Dutchland to Greenville County and appreciate their commitment of capital and additional quality manufacturing jobs."

For more information on Dutchland Plastics, please visit www.DutchlandPlastics.com.

About the Greenville Area Development Corporation

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. Since its founding in 2001, GADC efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 12,000 new jobs and more than \$2.3 billion in capital investment in Greenville County. To learn more, visit www.goGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.