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Ionic Technologies to Expand, Accelerate Growth in Greenville County *Investment Will Double Size of Facility, Add Up to 13 New Jobs*

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC – April 3, 2012 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce and the [Greenville Area Development Corporation](http://www.greenvillecounty.org/GADC/) today announced that Ionic Technologies, Inc., which provides high-quality heat treating and coating services to manufacturers to improve wear resistance on metal surfaces, will double the size of its existing operations in Greenville County. The multi-million dollar investment is expected to generate at least 13 new jobs, and possibly more, as the new facility becomes fully operational.



“We are extremely pleased to move forward with our plans to expand operations here in Greenville County, as this initiative will allow us to grow in size, service capabilities and profitability while delivering industry leading coating capabilities to our customers,” said Ray Monahan, president of Ionic Technologies. “Greenville County and South Carolina have provided an excellent home for our growing business, and we appreciate all the support we have received from the Greenville Area Development Corporation, Department of Commerce, the City of Greenville and other officials.”

Ionic Technologies will expand its current facility at 207 Fairforest Way from 18,000 square feet to approximately 38,000 square feet, completely updating and upfitting the space to a state-of-the-art heat treating and surface engineering facility in the process. The expanded operations will allow Ionic to provide the highest quality ion nitriding, PVD (physical vapor deposition) coating, vacuum hardening and heat treating, and cryogenic services for improving wear resistance on all types of metal surfaces. The expanded space will also encompass an expanded distribution facility, as well as sales, marketing and administrative operations for the company.

“It’s exciting to see a company like Ionic Technologies increase its footprint and create new jobs in Greenville,” said Gov. Nikki Haley. “Making sure South Carolina’s business climate fosters growth among our existing companies is a top priority for us.”

In 2011, South Carolina recruited more than \$4.7 billion in investment and more than 13,000 new jobs in the manufacturing sector.

“Ionic Technologies’ decision to expand in Greenville is another sign that our state’s manufacturing renaissance continues to proceed. We appreciate the company’s commitment to South Carolina and look forward to Ionic Technologies’ continued growth here,” said Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce.

Founded in 1998 through a partnership with Aalberts Industries of Doorn, Netherlands, Ionic Technologies is a part of the Aalberts Group, which employs over 12,000 associates worldwide with annual sales exceeding 2 billion Euros. The company’s numerous advanced certifications include ISO-9001, ISO/TS16949, AS9100C, and NADCAP, indicative of the organization’s commitment to total customer satisfaction and 100% on-time delivery.

Ionic Technologies has been an industry leader in heat treating and coating services to major manufacturers for years. The company’s client list includes such notables as GE Aviation, GE Power, Siemens, Rolls Royce, Michelin, Alcoa, US Engine Valve and Boeing. The organization works extensively with multiple NASCAR racing teams, conducts research and development work with Clemson University, provides bearings for every Airbus jetliner, and even has provided heat-treated parts for NASA’s Mars lunar rover.

An additional 13 -15 new jobs will be created as the expanded facility becomes fully operational. Positions will include heat treating technicians, shift leaders, and apprentices with highly competitive pay packages, and a full benefit package is also included.

“We are pleased that Ionic Technologies has chosen to expand their successful operations here in Greenville County,” said Chris Riley, chairman of the Greenville Area Development Corporation. “Their decision to add quality new jobs here is an important affirmation of one of the county’s focus areas -- growing our advanced manufacturing base. Ionic is an innovation-driven enterprise with deep Upstate roots, and a prized member of our business community.”

The company will begin hiring for new positions in July, at which time further details will be released on how individuals interested in job opportunities with Ionic Technologies should apply.

For more information on Ionic Technologies, please visit www.ionic-tech.com.

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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 15,000 new jobs and more than \$2.6 billion in capital investment in Greenville County. To learn more, visit www.goGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.