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### **Pantex Americas, Inc. establishing first U.S. facility in Greenville County**

*Company investing \$10.4 million to open Upstate manufacturing facility*

**GREENVILLE, SC – June 17, 2015** – The Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC), the County-chartered organization tasked with promoting and enhancing the economic growth of Greenville County, is pleased to announce that Pantex International S.p.A., a hygiene materials producer primarily serving the global personal care market, is establishing its first U.S. operations - Pantex Americas, Inc. - in Greenville County. The \$10.4 million investment is expected to create 45 new jobs in Simpsonville, S.C. over the next five years.

Established in 1987, Pantex first began to pursue a more global presence in 2007. The company's new U.S. operations will help further this effort, complementing an existing production facility in the United Arab Emirates as well as the company's Sulmona, Italy headquarters. Pantex's international growth is allowing the firm to better serve increasing customer demand.

Located at 844 S.E. Main Street in Simpsonville, Pantex's Greenville County manufacturing operations will focus on the production of perforated nonwovens, composites and films for feminine hygiene applications as well as elastic laminates for baby care and adult incontinence fastening system. The 140,000-square-foot facility is expected to be fully operational by the third quarter of 2015. Hiring for all positions is currently underway. For those interested in joining the Pantex Americas, Inc. team, please contact [recruitment@pantexglobal.com](mailto:recruitment@pantexglobal.com).

"Greenville's long history in the textile and advanced materials industries makes Greenville a natural fit for companies like Pantex," said Dr. Bob Taylor, Board Member of the Greenville Area Development Corporation and Chairman of Greenville County Council. "We are proud of our expertise in this industry, as well as the many other advantages we can offer companies looking to expand here, and we are excited to welcome another thriving international company to our community."

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to the project. For more information on Pantex International, S.p.A., visit [www.pantexinternational.it](http://www.pantexinternational.it).

"This investment, giving Pantex plants in Europe, the Middle East and, now, in the U.S., will further strengthen Pantex's effort to expand its global leadership role in the

hygiene specialty materials industry," said Gianluigi Fornoni, CEP for Pantex. Fornoni continues, "Specifically, the U.S. investment serves two purposes - to expand the capacity of successful, Innovative products such as 'cloth-like' top sheets and increase the speed at which we bring new innovations to our customers in the American hygiene market. Pantex's U.S. expansion reaffirms our commitment to customers in markets where quality, custom solutions and innovation are the main ingredients for success."

"With its core focus on research and development and the creation of intellectual property, Pantex has established a 20+ year record of innovation in the hygiene market," noted GADC Chairman Dick Wilkerson. "We are happy to welcome them to Greenville County and know that they will feel right at home among the other innovation leaders with operations here."

Pantex International S.p.A.

Pantex International is a hygiene materials producer which offers Premium products for the Hygienic Market thanks to its three technologically advanced nonwoven and film manufacturing plants. Production facilities in Italy and UAE enable Pantex to effectively support Customers worldwide. For more information, visit [www.pantexinternational.it](http://www.pantexinternational.it).

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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 18,500 new jobs and more than \$3 billion in capital investment in Greenville County, SC. To learn more, visit [www.goGADC.com](http://www.goGADC.com) or call (864) 235-2008.*