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Tower International establishing first S.C. facility in Upstate *\$75 million investment expected to create 140 jobs in Greenville County*

GREENVILLE, SC – July 12, 2016 – The Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC), the County-chartered organization tasked with advancing the area's economic growth, announced today that [Tower International](#), a leading integrated global manufacturer of engineered structural metal components and assemblies, is establishing its first South Carolina operations in Greenville County. The company is investing \$75 million in the new facility, creating 140 jobs in Fountain Inn, S.C.

Established in 1993 and headquartered in Livonia, Michigan, Tower International is a leading global manufacturer of engineered automotive metal components and assemblies for the world's largest automotive manufacturers. With an annual revenue of \$2 billion, Tower employs more than 7,000 colleagues at its facilities in North America and Europe.

"Tower International's expansion in South Carolina is an important part of the expected future growth of our North American operations. We are most appreciative of the support we have received from the Greenville Area Department Corporation, Greenville County and the State of South Carolina as we establish our first facility in the Palmetto State." -President of Tower Americas Jim Bernard

"We couldn't be more excited about Tower International's decision to do business in South Carolina. This \$75 million investment and the 140 new jobs it means for Fountain Inn are real reasons to celebrate, and we look forward to watching Tower thrive in our state for many years to come." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"Today's announcement further strengthens South Carolina's status as a global leader in the automotive industry. We celebrate this significant investment by Tower International, creating new opportunities for the people in our Upstate community." - Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“Tower International adds to the automotive competitiveness of the Greenville landscape and we are proud to welcome them to the community. Greenville County wishes them much success and continued growth.” -Greenville County Council Chairman Dr. Bob Taylor

Housed in the Southchase Business Park in Fountain Inn, S.C., Tower's new Greenville County operations will manufacture large complex assemblies for a leading automobile manufacturer. With the first assembly program commencing in September 2017, hiring for the new positions is expected to occur throughout 2017. Those interested in joining the Tower International team should visit the company's [careers page online](#).

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Tower International (NYSE: TOWR) is a leading integrated global manufacturer of engineered structural metal components and assemblies primarily serving automotive original equipment manufacturers. Tower offers its automotive customers a broad product portfolio, supplying body-structure stampings, frames and other chassis structures, as well as complex welded assemblies for small and large cars, crossovers, pickups and SUVs. For more information, visit www.towerinternational.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. 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 or call (864) 235-2008.

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