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3V Incorporated Announces Expansion in Georgetown County

Investment expected to create 30 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – March 16, 2011 – Gov. Nikki Haley, the South Carolina Department of Commerce and Georgetown County today announced that 3V Incorporated will expand its operations in Georgetown County. The plan includes a \$15 million investment and the creation of 30 new jobs over the next five years.

“South Carolina has been home to our operations for a number of years and we look forward to increasing our presence here. Georgetown County has been an excellent fit for our company, providing a positive business environment, a talented workforce and exceptional market access. We appreciate the support we have received from state and local officials in making this expansion a reality,” said Reed Barker, logistics manager for 3V Incorporated.

3V Incorporated, a manufacturer of specialty chemicals, will expand its chemical manufacturing facility in Georgetown.

“Encouraging investment and expansion that create jobs across South Carolina is our administration's focus day in and day out, so this announcement by 3V is not only welcome news -- it's a reason to celebrate,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

“3V Incorporated is a leading maker of specialty chemicals with clients around the globe. The company has also been part of the state's business community for a number of years. This expansion reaffirms the company's commitment to our state and serves as another indication that our state's business-friendly climate and strong workforce are helping our state's existing businesses grow and create jobs for South Carolinians,” said Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce.

“We are pleased 3V Inc. will be investing capital resources and creating new engineering and skilled technician positions in Georgetown County. They have discovered that a qualified workforce exists in our community that enables them to be successful here,” Georgetown County Council Chairman Johnny Morant said. “Helping existing industries prosper and create jobs for our residents is important to Georgetown County. 3V Inc.'s expansion demonstrates their commitment to research and development in their field of specialty chemicals. Since coming to Georgetown County they have utilized their research center at their Georgetown facility to develop state of the art products serving the paper, detergent, textile, cosmetic, water treatment and plastics industries. We support their efforts to grow here and create exciting opportunities for our residents.”

“For Georgetown this is great news, especially for those residents who are unemployed. These new jobs are just what we need,” said state Rep. Carl L. Anderson. “I am very proud of 3V Inc. and their decision to make improvements to their facility and to hire more employees.”

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The company will begin hiring for the positions in various production areas. Anyone interested in job opportunities with the company should contact hr@3vusa.com .

3V Incorporated is a manufacturer of specialty chemicals used in a range of industries, in particular, for detergent, cosmetic, toiletry, paper and pharmaceutical markets. The company is a subsidiary of the 3V Group. For more information about the company, please visit www.3v.com.

About S.C. Department of Commerce

The S.C. Department of Commerce works closely with economic development professionals throughout the state to recruit new jobs and investments and help existing businesses grow. Commerce has been recognized for its success in the areas of job creation and economic impact by Area Development and Business Facilities magazines. The S.C. Department of Commerce was one of 10 state economic development organizations to receive Area Development's Silver Shovel Award in 2009 and Commerce received the 2009 Deal of the Year award from Business Facilities magazine. Southern Business & Development also awarded the S.C. Department of Commerce the "Deal of the Year" for the 2010 SB&D 100. Commerce received the recognitions for Boeing's selection of North Charleston for the company's second final assembly plant to support the 787 Dreamliner program. In addition to job and investment recruitment, the agency provides a range of business support services and offers grants for community development and infrastructure improvements. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

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