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Tuscarora Yarns Announces Expansion in York County

Investment expected to create 40 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – December 14, 2010 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce and York County today announced that Tuscarora Yarn will expand its production plant York County. The \$3.5 million investment is expected to generate 40 new jobs over the next three years.

The Guinn Street plant has operated since 1998 as a specialty yarn manufacturer, although under Four Leaf Textiles and CloverTex ownership until May of 2009 when Tuscarora and CloverTex merged to create the largest specialty yarn company in all of the Americas. The facility now operates under the Tuscarora Yarns name.

“The Town of Clover, York County and the state of South Carolina have been very supportive of textile manufacturing at this location for the past 12 years and Tuscarora Yarns is proud to increase its investment and its workforce at this site,” said David Roberts, chief operating officer for Tuscarora Yarns.

The expansion of the company’s Clover facility will increase production capacity by 20 percent and will involve adding new machinery and equipment along with a small addition. The 190,000-square-foot Clover facility currently has 150 employees, a third of which were hired in the past year.

“South Carolina has a strong history in textile manufacturing, and Tuscarora Yarn’s growth is a positive indication that this industry continues to present opportunities. This announcement is another sign that South Carolina’s focus on the business fundamentals such as keeping taxes and regulatory burdens low is working to attract new jobs and investment, and most importantly encourage growth among our existing businesses. We congratulate Tuscarora Yarns on its investment in York County and wish the company continued success in its endeavors,” said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

Buddy Motz, chairman of York County Council stated, “Tuscarora’s decision to reinvest in York County is testament to their viability as a leader in the textile industry and York County’s resilience in this difficult economy. We welcome this expansion and the new jobs to the Clover area.”

The company will begin hiring for the positions in late December. Anyone interested in job opportunities with the company should contact Pam Leslie, human resources manager at the Clover plant, at pleslie@tuscarorayarns.com.

Tuscarora Yarns is a maker of specialty yarns headquartered in Mt. Pleasant, N.C. The company has been a reliable resource for the apparel and textile industry since 1899. Tuscarora is one of the leading manufacturers of heather and mélange yarns in the world. The company also serves the automotive and home furnishings markets. For more information about the company, please visit www.tuscarorayarns.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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