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SEA PRO BOATS, LLC EXPANDING OPERATIONS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Friday, December 20, 2019

More than \$3 million investment creating 135 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. - <u>Sea Pro Boats, LLC (http://www.seapromfg.com/)</u>, a saltwater fishing boat manufacturer, today announced plans to expand operations in Fairfield County. The more than \$3 million investment is expected to create 135 new jobs.

For more than 30 years, the company has manufactured center console fishing boats.

The Fairfield County facility, located at 396 State Highway 34 East in Winnsboro, S.C., will be Sea Pro Boats, LLC's second location in South Carolina. This new facility will add the production of larger center console boats, greater than 24 feet in length, to its product line.

The company's expansion is expected to be completed by June 2020. Individuals interested in joining the Sea Pro Boats, LLC team should call Gallman Personnel Services, after January 2, 2020, at 803-772-8046.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to the project. A \$1.25 million Rural Infrastructure Fund grant was also awarded to Fairfield County to assist with costs related to this project.

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"We couldn't be more excited about the opportunity to expand operations into Fairfield County. As South Carolina Central Midlands natives ourselves, Jimmy Hancock and I are proud to be blessed with a growing business where we can provide jobs and opportunities to our friends and neighbors. Winnsboro felt like the right move for us to hopefully provide a little light to a community with the pride in which we build our boats. We hope that this expansion will provide another stake supporting the banner that South Carolina is THE state for global manufacturing." **-Sea Pro Boats, LLC Co-Owner Preston Wrenn**

"It's a special day when a company decides to expand within our state because it shows that we have the workforce and business environment that companies need to grow and succeed. Sea Pro Boats, LLC is a great South Carolina company that we are proud of, and we congratulate them on their investment that will bring 135 more jobs to Fairfield County." **-Gov. Henry McMaster**

"Thanks to announcements like today's from Sea Pro Boats, LLC, South Carolina continues to lead the manufacturing renaissance. A testament to our loyal, world-class workforce and positive business climate, Sea Pro Boats, LLC's decision to expand its operations in Fairfield County is a big win for Team South Carolina." **-Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt**

"We are thrilled with the decision of Sea Pro Boats, LLC to expand in Fairfield County. This investment will create 135 new jobs and be a wonderful addition to a growing manufacturing base. Winnsboro is ready to support Sea Pro Boats, LLC with utilities while the population welcomes the job opportunities. Sea Pro Boats, LLC will be well supported by local businesses. As a county, we need to keep moving forward; great things are happening here, and we have no plans on stopping!" **-Fairfield County Council Chairman Neil Robinson**

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Sea Pro Boats, LLC is expanding operations in Fairfield County.
- More than \$3 million investment is expected to create 135 new jobs.
- Sea Pro Boats, LLC is a saltwater fishing boat manufacturer.
- Located at 396 State Highway 34 East in Winnsboro, S.C.
- Individuals interested in joining the Sea Pro Boats, LLC team should call Gallman Personnel Services, after January
- 2, 2020, at 803-772-8046.

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