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## **Edgefield Manufacturing Company Adds 40 Jobs**

Columbia, SC--Edgefield Manufacturing Company has announced that it will add 40 employees and invest \$2 million in its Edgefield County operating facility.

Edgefield Manufacturing Company is a joint venture established by Martin IMI and Matco Distribution, Inc. The company, which will produce plastic pellets and fiber from recycled materials, will locate in the former Martin Color-Fi buildings.

"We at Edgefield Manufacturing Company, Inc. are extremely excited about this new venture and the opportunity to create new jobs in Trenton," said Matt Martin, co-founder of Martin Inventory Management, Inc.

"Encouraging new and higher-paying jobs is central to our mission of creating more fertile economic soil conditions here in South Carolina," said Governor Mark Sanford. "That's why we're pushing for additional reforms like income tax relief that will make our business climate more attractive to both large and small companies."

"We are especially pleased that Edgefield Manufacturing Company chose to locate its manufacturing facility in Edgefield County," said Secretary of Commerce Bob Faith. "As manufacturing becomes more technology-based, we are pleased to welcome companies like Edgefield Manufacturing Company that are committed to advanced processes that require the highly-skilled workforce South Carolina can offer."

"It is great news to hear that 40 new jobs will be created in the town of Trenton," said Helen Summer, mayor of Trenton. "I am also pleased that an existing building will be utilized for the operation."

"We are pleased that Edgefield Manufacturing is coming to Edgefield County," said Monroe Kneece, chairman of Edgefield County Council. "Because of previous experience in plastic recycling in our community, I am confident that they will find a quality, skilled workforce amongst our citizens."

"Edgefield Manufacturing is a great example that the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in Edgefield County," said Fred Humes, director of the Economic Development Partnership. "Small business ventures such as this are the backbone of our economy."