

**KIMBERLY-CLARK ANNOUNCES
MAJOR EXPANSION AT BEECH ISLAND MILL.**

*New World-Class Tissue Machine Will Increase Capacity
And Add Approximately 150 Positions*

BEECH ISLAND, S.C., Jan.24, 2006 — Kimberly-Clark Corporation (NYSE: KMB) today announced plans to expand its Beech Island mill with the addition of a state-of-the-art tissue machine and associated packaging lines. The new machine is expected to start up in 2007 and will support the continued growth of K-C's North American consumer tissue business.

"This investment by Kimberly-Clark is a direct reflection of the skill, productivity and dedication of our employees and the overall positive business climate in Aiken County and South Carolina," said Tom Colgrove, Mill Manager. "We have steadily expanded the mill over the years. The Aiken County Council, Economic Development Partnership, the state legislative delegation, Governor and State Department of Commerce as well as the Beech Island community are key partners who have helped ensure that this facility could compete strongly for future investment by the company.

"In particular, the economic development package granted to Kimberly-Clark in 2004 was a positive factor influencing the company's decision to place this world-class tissue machine at Beech Island. I'm proud to say, that with today's announcement, we are ahead of schedule in fulfilling our commitment to further contribute to the economic development of Aiken County."

This multi-million dollar expansion will substantially increase production at Beech Island and add approximately 150 jobs, bringing the Beech Island workforce to nearly 1,200 employees.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for early April, pending receipt of final air and water permits from the Department of Health and Environmental Conservation.

The Beech Island mill, which opened in 1968, makes bathroom and facial tissues, paper towels and wet wipes, and infant and child care products.

About Kimberly-Clark

Kimberly-Clark and its well-known global brands are an indispensable part of life for people in more than 150 countries. Every day, 1.3 billion people—nearly a quarter of the world's population—trust K-C brands and the solutions they provide to enhance their health, hygiene and well-being. With brands such as Kleenex, Scott, Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kotex and Depend, Kimberly-Clark holds the No. 1 or No. 2 share position in more than 80 countries. To keep up with the latest K-C news and to learn more about the company's 134-year history of innovation, visit www.kimberly-clark.com.

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