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Metal Products Company to Create up to 100 Jobs in Aiken County

*McGregor Brothers Holdings Selects South Carolina for its New Venture—
SC Metal Products*

Columbia, SC - SC Metal Products, LLC, a new company created by McGregor Brothers Holdings, will invest more than \$7 million in the community of Aiken, creating 25 new jobs initially and adding up to 75 additional jobs over the next three to five years. In South Carolina, the company will produce metal stampings, split steel pulleys, sprockets and a variety of welded assemblies.

SC Metal Products (SCMP) will be the first McGregor Brothers company to be located outside of the Springfield, Ohio area. McGregor Brothers also owns Morgal Machine Tool Company, Inc., Ohio Stamping and Machine, LLC, Rose City Manufacturing and Carmichael Machine Corporation.

For its new venture, McGregor Brothers Holdings is purchasing the Ventures Spec Building, located on a 14-acre site in the Ventures Industrial Park near Aiken Airport. The company is in the process of expanding the 50,000-square-foot facility to 72,000 square feet and plans to be fully operational there by summer 2005. The company's Aiken facility will house mechanical power presses up to 800 tons, pulley splitting equipment, spot welders and robotic welders, assembly cells and various tool and die equipment. Parts manufactured in the new Aiken facility will be used in everything from lawn mowers and ATVs to automobiles.

McGregor Brothers made the decision to build its first facility outside of Ohio due to the growing demand for the company's custom parts in the Southeast.

"As the customer bases of our companies move south and freight costs increase, our decision to locate in South Carolina was simple," said Jim McGregor, president of McGregor Brothers Holdings. "If we wanted to keep the business, we had to make the investment. We see this move as the opportunity to solidify partnerships with our growing list of customers in the South. And just as we are excited to come to South Carolina, our customers are thrilled to have us much closer to their operations."

"We are very excited about the opportunities before us in the southeastern part of the United States," said McGregor Brothers Chairman of the Board Dan McGregor. "We have a large and growing customer base there. Our customers asked and we responded by moving closer to them. We look forward to continued successful growth for SCMP and all of our companies."

"We are very grateful for the support and direction we have received from the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the Aiken community, and especially the Economic Development Partnership of Aiken County," Dan McGregor added. "We look forward to playing a positive role in the economic life and vitality of Aiken and the state of South Carolina."

"We're going to stay focused on keeping South Carolina home to economic growth," said Gov. Sanford. "That starts with improving our underlying business climate so that economic development folks in our communities have the tools they need to attract jobs and capital investment. For us, that means lowering the income tax to make South Carolina even more attractive to companies looking to locate or expand."

"SC Metal Products will be able to draw on South Carolina's rich history in metalworking to ensure its



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success,” said Commerce Secretary Bob Faith. “We are pleased to offer this new company a business-friendly climate, a quality-driven workforce and a strategic location in the heart of its growing customer base. Welcome!”

“Approximately two years ago the city of Aiken partnered with the Aiken Electric Cooperative and the SRRDI to construct a 50,000-square-foot spec building in the city’s Ventures Industrial Park. Today I’m pleased to be a part of welcoming our newest neighbor, Jim McGregor, president of McGregor Brothers Holdings, who is purchasing the building,” said city of Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh. “SC Metal Products will be a great addition to Ventures and Mr. McGregor has indicated he looks forward to getting to know more about our community and being involved.”

“We are very excited that South Carolina Metal Products is coming to Aiken County,” said Ronnie Young, chairman of Aiken County Council. “By serving its southeastern customers from its facility in Aiken County, the company has placed a great deal of confidence in the community and its workforce. County Council stands ready to assist SC Metal Products in any way we can and welcome them as our newest corporate neighbor.”

“South Carolina Metal Products is bringing an added dimension to our already solid metal-working base in Aiken County,” said John Troutman, Economic Development Partnership chairman. “The company is strong in its current markets and we look forward to them adding additional capability and serving their customers from Aiken. The city of Aiken and Aiken Electric Cooperative are to be complimented on their vision to construct a spec building which led to SC Metal Products coming to Aiken County.”

About the other McGregor companies:

Morgal Machine Tool Company Incorporated was purchased by current ownership in 1965 as a tool and die shop. In 1971 company leaders recognized the need for a source of quality stamped metal sprockets for the differential units used on lawn mowers. That was the year Morgal produced its first stamped metal sprocket for the lawn and garden industry. This was the beginning of a series of major investments that enabled Morgal to establish a niche in the market of stamped metal sprockets and related assemblies. Today, with press capacity of up to 500 tons, Morgal manufactures quality stamped sprockets, split steel pulleys and contract metal stampings for the automotive, transportation, lawn and garden, agricultural and door operator industries and employs over 130 associates.

Ohio Stamping and Machine LLC was founded in 1981 when Morgal purchased a 35,000-square-foot facility and began its operations as a stamping and screw machine shop. During the mid-1980’s OSMI began to add press capability of processing large blanks and stampings. Now it is a predominately steel-blanking and wide-stamping operation. Today OSMI has over 140,000 square feet of factory space with 11 automatic press lines up to 1200 tons for wide stampings and compound blanks that have earned the company a reputation for exemplary service. OSMI currently employs over 150 associates.

Rose City Manufacturing Incorporated was founded in 1991 to provide value-added operation and manufactured assemblies using stamped parts from Morgal Machine Tool and Ohio Stamping.

Rose City operates within 66,000 square feet of manufacturing space with 10 mechanical power presses up to 800 tons, 10 robotic MIG welders and 7 resistance welders. Its quality systems are compliant to the requirements of QS-9000 and ISO-9002. Rose City Manufacturing manufactures metal stampings, blanks, laminations and welded assemblies. Value-added operations include secondary forming and piercing, swaging, resistance welding, robotic MIG welding and assembly operations. Rose City currently employs over 80 associates.



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Carmichael Machine Corporation serves a diversified customer base and has grown into one of the leading manufacturers of machined components in the region. It was founded in 1945 and was purchased by current ownership in 1982. Utilizing more than 30,000 square feet and employing more than 50 associates, Carmichael provides precision-machined components utilizing all grades of metal for the lawn and garden, food products, recreational vehicle and automotive industries.