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Metal Stamping Company Holds Ribbon Cutting in Aiken
SC Metal Products has created 26 jobs in Aiken with 75 more on the horizon.

Columbia, SC— To celebrate its early success in South Carolina, new venture SC Metal Products is holding a ribbon cutting today at its Aiken County facility.

SC Metal Products, LLC, a new company created by The McGregor Metalworking Companies, announced in April 2005 that it would invest more than \$7 million in Aiken, creating 25 new jobs initially and adding up to 75 additional jobs over the next three to five years. The company officially started South Carolina operations in August 2005.

SC Metal Products (SCMP) is the first McGregor Metalworking Company to be located outside of the Springfield, Ohio area. The company chose the Palmetto State to serve its rapidly growing customer base in the Southeast, including one of its largest customers Electrolux Home Products located in Orangeburg. In South Carolina, the company is producing metal stampings, split steel pulleys, sprockets, and a variety of welded assemblies.

For its new venture, The McGregor Metalworking Companies purchased the Ventures Spec Building, located on a 14-acre site in the Ventures Industrial Park near Aiken Airport. The company has expanded the 50,000 square-foot facility to 72,000 square feet. 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.

SCMP is holding the ribbon cutting to pronounce to the Aiken community that the company's startup plan has been completed and the machine operation and initial hiring of 26 people is in place.

"We count our startup here as a big success, especially considering that we started from scratch in South Carolina after solely doing business in Ohio for many years," said Operations Manager Tony Marchman. "A very important part of our success has been South Carolina's community college system and workforce training program. Our associates are knowledgeable when they come in the door and they're working hard at making this company successful. Coming from Ohio, we weren't exactly sure what to expect, but we have truly been impressed with South Carolina workers."

"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," said Jim McGregor, President of SC Metal Products. "We look forward to playing a positive role in the economic life and vitality of Aiken and the state of South Carolina."

Moving forward from today's ribbon cutting, SCMP will continue to stabilize its startup and will work toward ramping up to a two-shift operation. The company will also continue working on attracting new business and growing its new South Carolina facility.



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"Creating jobs and raising income levels have been top priorities for our administration from day one," said Governor Mark Sanford. "That's why we'll keep working to grow our economy by pushing for additional improvements to our business climate, so that we can continue to attract companies like this one that create jobs for our citizens."

"Moving forward, we will continue to retool our workforce to prepare them for the new and better jobs that we're working hard to attract. To increase our state's competitiveness, we will continue to prepare South Carolinians for the new technologies and knowledge-based jobs of the future," said Commerce Secretary Bob Faith. "We are extremely pleased that SC Metal Products has already benefited from the get-to-work attitudes and make-it-better philosophies that characterize South Carolina's workforce."

"Congratulations to SC Metal Products on this ribbon cutting," said the Chairman of Aiken County Council Ronnie Young. "I am confident that their current success will lead to future investment and jobs for the citizens of Aiken County."

"This project has been a wonderful partnership between SC Metal Products and the City of Aiken," said Aiken Mayor, Fred Cavanaugh. "This company would not be here without the vision of the City Council to build the speculative building where it now resides."

"SC Metal Products is the newest member of our community's growing metalworking industry. They will be a great asset in our efforts to recruit other companies in this sector," said John Troutman, chairman, Economic Development Partnership.

About the other McGregor family of companies:

Morgal Machine Tool Company Incorporated was purchased by current ownership in 1965 as a tool and die shop. In 1971 they 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 has 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



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piercing, swaging, resistance welding, robotic MIG welding and assembly operations. Rose City currently employs over 80 associates.

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, today, Carmichael provides precision-machined components utilizing all grades of metal for the lawn and garden, food products, recreational vehicle and automotive industries.

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