

Manufacturing Facility to Locate in Bamberg

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Manufacturing Operation to Locate in Bamberg \$2 Million Investment and Jobs Created

Kicking Horse, LLC, has announced their plans to locate a manufacturing facility in Bamberg County, creating new jobs and capital investment exceeding \$2 million.

"Initially, Kicking Horse will provide 10 to 12 jobs," said company president Steve Weavil. "Our manufacturing operation will produce equine bedding, which is comprised of premium, high absorbency, low dust wood shavings."

"Mr. Weavil and the Kicking Horse team are a welcome addition to our growing wood products cluster of industries," said Bamberg County Council Chairwoman Dot Tatum. "They are also serving the growing upscale equine industry here in our region, across the Southeast, and abroad. We appreciate the jobs they will create, and we're committed to helping them prosper in Bamberg County."

The equine bedding product will be offered in a three cubic-foot size bag, which expands to 7.5 cubic feet. In addition to serving the horse industry, Kicking Horse will offer bulk truck loads for the poultry and turkey industries.

"Our manufacturing process produces no harmful by-products, uses a renewable resource and uses no fossil fuels," said Weavil, whose company purchased an existing building on U.S. Highway 78 between Bamberg and Denmark, located in the Bamberg County Airport Industrial Park.

"We believe Kicking Horse is an innovative company building upon some of our greatest local resources: the growing wood products industry, our history of entrepreneurship, and our people," said Southern Carolina Alliance Chairwoman Kay Still.

According to Bamberg County Economic Development Commission Chairman Robert Chatman, "Kicking Horse will be doing business nationally and internationally and providing a product made from a renewable resource. We're proud to have this product manufactured here in Bamberg County."



Steve Weavil, President of Kicking Horse, LLC; Bamberg County Council Chairwoman Dot Tatum; and Robert Chatman, Chairman of the Bamberg County Economic Development Commission prepare for the opening of the equine bedding operation at Bamberg County Airport Industrial Park.

"We are excited to be in Bamberg County and want to thank Bamberg County, the county administrator, and SouthernCarolina Alliance for their help and support in pulling this project together," said Weavil. "We are happy to report that our pre-manufacturing sales have exceeded our goals, requiring us to consider additional shifts, a decision we will make when the plant is up and running."

Weavil added that Kicking Horse will be announcing two new products under the "Kicking Horse Equine Products" logo in the near future and will market them through national distribution.

For more information on Kicking Horse, LLC, contact Steve Weavil at Kicking Horse, 51 Industrial Road, Bamberg, SC 29003 or Kay Maxwell at 803.541.0023. Visit SCA on the Web at: www.southerncarolina.org.

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