
Flexible Technologies Announces Expansion in Abbeville County

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – February 10, 2008 – Flex-Tek, part of the global technology business Smiths Group, today announced a \$5 million expansion plan for its Flexible Technologies ducting business in Abbeville, South Carolina.

Flexible Technologies will use the capital investment to rationalize its current U.S. manufacturing and to create up to 200 jobs in South Carolina over a five-year period primarily focused on the heating and ventilation ducting markets.

Flexible Technologies manufactures a wide range of flexible tubing used in a variety of industries throughout the world. It has been located in Abbeville since 1964 and currently has three facilities that employ about 237 people.

About Flex-Tek

Headquartered in South Carolina, Flex-Tek group provides engineered components that heat and move fluids for the aerospace, medical, industrial, construction and domestic markets. The company's flexible hosing and rigid tubing is deployed on commercial aircraft as well as in motor sport for fuel and hydraulic applications. In the home the company's technology can be found in domestic equipment including vacuum cleaners and HVAC systems support. For more information, please visit www.flexibletechnologies.com/.

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