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**Elkay Cabinet Division to Locate
Manufacturing Operations in Barnwell County**

*Cabinet Manufacturer Will Bring New Jobs to Barnwell
Beginning in 2008*

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Gov. Mark Sanford today joined the Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation and the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance in announcing that the Elkay Cabinet Division will locate a manufacturing facility in Barnwell County. The cabinet manufacturer will invest over \$12 million and expects that hiring will begin sometime in 2008, with total employment reaching approximately 300 persons by the end of the year 2009. Elkay will be located at the former EFCO industrial plant in the Barnwell County Airport Industrial Park. The facility will be dedicated to the production of residential kitchen and bath cabinetry.

"The Elkay Cabinet Division has experienced consistent growth over the last 14 years. The acquisition of the Barnwell facility will help the division continue to strategically grow operating capacity to fuel continued development of the company," said Tom Cook, President of the Elkay Cabinet Division. "The state offered many benefits including market access to our growing Southeastern customer base and most of all a readily available and skilled workforce. We look forward to continuing our strategic plan to grow our business while positioning ourselves as an employer of choice in all of the communities where our facilities are located."

"Given the size of this investment and the number of jobs that come along with it, today's announcement will have a tremendous impact on Barnwell County. This is also another sign that our efforts to improve the economic conditions for business are working to grow opportunity not only in our urban areas but also in our smaller communities. As we work to compete in the global marketplace, our ability to attract new investment with a skilled workforce and a business-friendly environment is increasingly important," said Gov. Mark Sanford.

"Elkay Cabinet Division's announcement today to locate a manufacturing facility in Barnwell County is great news, not only for the county but the entire Southern Carolina region. Elkay is an international company with a stellar reputation and we are tremendously pleased they have chosen this area for their latest expansion. This represents one of the most significant job creation announcements in Barnwell County in recent years. We are proud to welcome Elkay to our corporate community, where they will join many other nationally and internationally recognized companies that call Barnwell County home," said Marty Martin, Executive Director, Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation.

"Elkay is a leader in the cabinet manufacturing industry," said Southern Carolina Alliance President Danny Black. "With our proud tradition of manufacturing excellence, we believe Elkay is an exceptional fit for our region. We welcome Elkay's Cabinet Division to our growing family of wood products industries."

The Elkay Cabinet Division has 11 facilities and 3500 employees throughout the United States. Operating under the brand names Medallion Cabinetry, Yorktowne Cabinetry, Mastercraft Cabinets and Schuler Cabinetry, the company is the fourth largest provider of residential cabinetry in the country. Elkay Manufacturing Company is a privately held 85-year-old firm headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. Elkay is a supplier of high value residential kitchen and bath cabinetry and accessories, commercial and residential plumbing products, including stainless steel sinks, faucets and water coolers. The Elkay Cabinet Division was created in 1993.