## Paul Bippus GMBH Launching First U.S. Operations in Dorchester County

Precision parts manufacturer creating 45 new jobs

April 27, 2018 – Paul Bippus GmbH, a Germany-based manufacturer of precision parts, is launching new production operations to supply Robert Bosch LLC in Dorchester County. The company's \$16.1 million investment is projected to create 45 new jobs.

Founded in 1958, Paul Bippus GmbH produces precision turned parts for automotive manufacturing applications, including starters, braking systems, fuel injection systems and more. To house its new Dorchester County manufacturing operations, the company will be constructing a 42,000-square-foot facility in the Muckenfuss Industrial Park in Summerville, S.C.

Hiring for the new positions should begin in the fourth quarter of 2018, and interested applicants should contact hiring@bippus.com for more information.

## **QUOTES**

"Bippus is thrilled to land our first U.S. plant in Dorchester County. We are a family-owned operation that values a welcoming community that will enable us to continue our success and help us grow our first American operation. The county and the Charleston region offer significant advantages for locating here, allowing us to capitalize on our supplier partnership with Bosch LLC. We are confident that our company, Dorchester County and the state will benefit from our new endeavor, and we look forward to growing our business here." —Paul Bippus GmbH President Bastian Bippus

"South Carolina has long been a strong player in both manufacturing and foreign direct investment, and this tremendous \$16.1 million investment only reinforces that notion. Paul Bippus GmbH will be a great addition to our already strong automotive sector, and we look forward to seeing all that they will achieve." —Gov. Henry McMaster

"South Carolina's manufacturing sector continues to enjoy tremendous growth, and foreign investment has played a large role in this. I welcome Germany-based Paul Bippus GmbH to Team South Carolina and look forward to seeing the difference these 45 new jobs will make in the community." —Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"We congratulate Paul Bippus GmbH on their new location in Dorchester County. The addition of 45 new jobs will be the first of many to come to Muckenfuss Industrial Park, an area where we plan to see more industrial investment. The company's commitment to our community is a direct testament to Dorchester County being a great place to work and run a business. Our best days are ahead of us, and this is one more step toward a very bright future for Dorchester County." — Dorchester County Council Chairman Jay Byars

"Paul Bippus' decision to locate in the Charleston region to better serve its customer, Bosch, demonstrates that this robust and growing automotive hub offers the competitive advantages innovative companies need to succeed, including an adaptable and enthusiastic workforce. As we continue working together with industry partners to enhance the supply chain and automotive ecosystem, we are so pleased to welcome this much-needed asset to the community. The opportunities here for suppliers and talent are tremendous." —Charleston Regional Development Alliance Board Chairman Will Helmly

"Bosch welcomes Paul Bippus GmbH to the Lowcountry! We have been in the Charleston area for close to 45 years, and the region has provided great benefit to Bosch during this time. We are happy to welcome more manufacturing expertise to the area." —Robert Bosch LLC Senior Vice President and Plant Manager Peter von Wartenberg

## FIVE FAST FACTS

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