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CAROLINA NONWOVENS ANNOUNCES EXPANSION INTO OHIO

Carolina Nonwovens, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Spinning Co., Inc., has announced plans to begin manufacturing in Fostoria, OH. Facility preparation and equipment installation is currently taking place, and the plant is expected to be operational by the third quarter of 2024.

The Fostoria Plant will house a new nonwoven production line and ancillary processes. Additional space for logistics, engineering, quality control, product design, and offices will fill the facility. It is anticipated that 25 – 30 jobs will be added initially with potential for future expansion. The company, which plans to invest approximately \$4 million toward the project, will serve multiple industries, including automotive, construction, appliance and bedding.

Commenting on the expansion, General Manager Ed Hull stated, “We are excited by the opportunity to expand our geographical footprint in order to continue serving our customers with enhanced production capacity.” Sales Director Greg Gerald added, “It has been great to see many of our automotive, industrial, and construction customers’ business grow, as our own business has grown. We look forward to using our added capacity to support further growth with our existing customers, as well as expanding our product lines with new customers and into new markets (in the Midwest).”

National Spinning President and CEO Jim Booterbaugh commented, “We could not be more pleased with the progress Carolina Nonwovens has made since we acquired it in 2012. We appreciate the efforts of the entire team and the opportunities this opens for our associates, trading partners, local economies and shareholders. The assistance provided by staffs of the Fostoria Economic Development Corporation, the Regional Growth Partnership, JobsOhio, Sutton Bank, Ohio Logistics, the county of Seneca and the town of Fostoria contributed significantly to our decision to locate the new state-of-the-art nonwovens facility in Fostoria, Ohio.”

In selecting Northwest Ohio over other locations, the company recognized Fostoria’s proximity to its Midwest customers as well as finding a suitable building as key factors in its decision.

“Ohio has one of the nation’s largest and most skilled manufacturing workforces, and Carolina Nonwovens’ key customers, including those in the automotive sector, are easily accessible from Seneca County,” said JobsOhio President and CEO J.P. Nauseef. “It’s clear why company leaders chose this new location in Fostoria for its first manufacturing facility in Ohio, which creates up to 30 quality new jobs.”

“Working alongside the leadership team of the Carolina Nonwovens on this project has been wonderful,” said Renee Smith, president, Fostoria Economic Development Corporation. “Their presence is set to greatly

benefit both Fostoria and the State of Ohio. We sincerely value their commitment to our community and eagerly anticipate a continued partnership in the years ahead."

The Regional Growth Partnership is the lead economic development organization serving 17 counties in Northwest Ohio. As a private nonprofit development corporation, the RGP is dedicated to fostering regional, national and international business investment opportunities across the region. The RGP serves as Northwest Ohio's network partner for JobsOhio. Visit www.rgp.org for more information.

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through Find Your Ohio. JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: Dayton Development Coalition, Ohio Southeast Economic Development, One Columbus, REDI Cincinnati, Regional Growth Partnership and Team NEO. Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

National Spinning Co., Inc., founded in 1921, is an employee-owned manufacturer and distributor of nonwoven fiber pads with a plant in Maiden, NC and corporate offices in Washington, NC. Sales are domestic and international. For further information, please contact Mr. Jim Booterbaugh at jimb@natspin.com.

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