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Highland Baking Company locating in Spartanburg County
More than \$9 million investment expected to create 196 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – February 2, 2012 – Highland Baking Company, a wholesale bread baking company, today announced plans to locate its new production facility in Spartanburg County. The \$9.48 million investment is expected to generate 196 new jobs over the next five years.

“We look forward to opening our new facility in South Carolina. This is an important step in our company’s growth. Spartanburg County is a great fit for our business and offers a business-friendly climate and excellent market access,” said Stuart Rosen, vice president of Highland Baking Company.

Highland Baking Company, based in Northbrook, Ill., will locate its new bread production and distribution facility in an existing building in Spartanburg County. The company specializes in producing custom bread products for national restaurant chains.

“South Carolina continues to be the place where companies want to invest, and Highland Baking Company is a great example. We celebrate their decision to establish operations here and create 196 new jobs in Spartanburg County,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

The new facility will allow Highland Baking Company to have some additional capacity as well as improve efficiencies. The facility is expected to open in October.

“You’ll hear me say that we are good at making things in South Carolina, and today I can say we’re also good at baking them,” said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt. “Agribusiness and distribution are strong industries in South Carolina, and Highland Baking Company’s announcement shows that.”

“We are extremely pleased that Highland Baking chose to locate a new operation in Spartanburg County. We are excited they will revitalize a former food production facility. The addition of this investment continues to demonstrate Spartanburg’s ability to attract manufacturing operations and highlights the role our skilled workforce plays in recruiting companies,” said David Britt, chairman of the Economic Recruitment Committee of Spartanburg County and member of the Economic Futures Group Board.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved the company for job development credits, which will be available when hiring targets are met.

The company will begin hiring for the new positions in June. Anyone interested in new job opportunities with the company should contact spartanburgjobs@highlandbaking.com.

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For more information about the company, please visit www.highlandbaking.com.

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