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## **Symrise Pet Food to expand operations at North American Headquarters in Greenwood County** *\$65.5 million investment will create 65 new jobs*

**Greenwood, S.C.** – Symrise Pet Food, a global leader in the pet food industry, announced plans today to expand operations at the company’s North American headquarters in Greenwood County by building a new state-of-the-art facility. The company’s \$65.5 million investment will create 65 new jobs.

Symrise Pet Food partners with pet food manufacturers to offer complete solutions covering three essential aspects of pet food through its expert brands: Pet Food Palatability with SPF, Pet Nutrition with Nutrios and Pet Food Protection with Videka (a joint venture with Kalsec®). With 1,500 employees in 31 sites around the world, Symrise Pet Food’s global presence allows the company to remain close to suppliers and customers. Additionally, Symrise Pet Food is part of the Taste, Nutrition & Health segment of the Symrise group, a global supplier of fragrances, flavors, food and cosmetic ingredients.

“This expansion is a key step for SPF’s North American business,” Tim Lonc, general manager (NA), Symrise Pet Food, said. “We appreciate the support we have received making our project a reality in Hodges and look forward to continuing our partnership within Greenwood County. As the pet food industry keeps growing, we are committed to supporting our customers’ needs and are always looking for ways to reach out for new opportunities.”

“Symrise has continually invested in Greenwood County and our citizens since they opened their operations 15 years ago,” Theo Lane, Greenwood County Council vice chairman, said. “Their decision to further invest is not only a strong vote of confidence in our talented workforce, but also a testament to our collaborative relationship that helped secure this significant expansion. These 65 new jobs support our vision of the development of our Highway 25 North industrial corridor and will have a lasting impact on our community. We appreciate their continued belief in Greenwood County as a great place to work and live.”

Symrise has been a valued corporate partner in Greenwood County since 2007. This expansion will allow the company to meet increased demand and grow its powder palatant product lines. The expansion is expected to be complete in 2025.

“We are excited that Symrise is choosing to expand their operations in Hodges,” Hodges Mayor Michael George said. “In addition to job creation, they have been active partners in the Hodges community through their support of our school, fire department, town festivals, and the Greenwood County Animal Shelter. This expansion is great news for our community, and we wish them much success. “

“Symrise is a great neighbor, both geographically and figuratively,” Rev. Jerry Brown, moderator of the Little River Missionary Baptist Association, said. “I appreciate their open communication and transparency with our membership – engaging us through town halls and special presentations. Our 39 churches look forward to continuing to grow our relationship with Symrise and we are thankful for their further investment into our area.”

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