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Project Announcement

Southern Shavings Company Relocates to Cherryville

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission Announces Southern Shavings Company, Inc.

Cherryville, NC - Southern Shavings Company, Inc. will relocate its operations to the former Conitex Sonoco facility in Cherryville. Bill Culp, owner and President stated "The plant in Cherryville enables us to have better access to our customers." The firm provides bedding materials for horses and other animals. The raw material comes from area sawmills and is then packaged in bales approximately three cubic feet in size. Retail farm product and supply stores are the primary sales outlets for the company. Bales are packaged in plastic or a biodegradable paper wrapping. During 2004 over 750,000 bales of shavings were recycled by Southern Shavings Co. Plans are to be in operation by mid 2005.



"This is a great day for Cherryville. Southern Shavings is wonderful company and we welcome Bill Culp, President of the company and his staff to our city. We appreciate the efforts of Marc Bolick, Project Administrator for the Gaston County EDC on this very important project" said Mayor Robert Austell of Cherryville. Allen Fraley, County Commissioner added "On behalf of my fellow County Commissioners and the citizens of Gaston County I want to express my thanks to Mr. Culp for investing and creating jobs in our community."

The projected investment is estimated to be \$1,000,000 with the purchase of the building and the installation of machinery & equipment. Southern Shavings plans to hire up to 15 persons within the first year with future plans for hiring an additional 20 employees depending upon business conditions. Within the next few months the firm will begin the hiring process. Prospective job seekers may apply directly with the company located at 254 Tot Dellinger Road in Cherryville or call 704-435-8159 for more information.

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