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**Mohawk Industries Inc. Announces Expansion in Marlboro County**  
*\$60 million investment expected to generate significant new job opportunities*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – May 27, 2010 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce, Marlboro County and the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) today announced that Mohawk Industries Inc. will expand its manufacturing facility in Marlboro County. The \$60 million investment is expected to generate a significant number of additional positions over the next two years.

“We have been very pleased with the results of the Oak River North Extrusion and Yarn operations,” said Larry Perugini, Vice President – Yarn and Extrusion Manufacturing, Mohawk Industries. “The people at the facility have been key contributors to our company’s success, and we are grateful for their good work and dedication.”

Perugini added that the site continues to play a significant role in Mohawk’s manufacturing. “As Mohawk’s needs for fiber and yarn evolve with changes in consumer demand, we have to analyze our assets and invest at locations that can help us fulfill our customer’s preferences,” Perugini said.

Mohawk Industries opened the current Bennettsville facility in 2006, but has had yarn manufacturing operations in the area for more than 50 years. The company will add 87,500 square feet of manufacturing space to the facility, along with additional yarn conversion equipment.

“Mohawk Industries has been an important part of the Pee Dee area business community for more than five decades. This announcement indicates yet again that our state’s business-friendly climate and skilled workforce are working to attract new investment and foster growth among our existing industries. Additionally, Mohawk’s decision to expand with this significant investment further strengthens the company’s commitment to the local community. We congratulate Mohawk Industries and look forward to its continued growth in Marlboro County,” said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

Mohawk previously expanded Oak River North facility in 2008 and currently employs more than 400 individuals at the location.

“We are so pleased to welcome this second expansion in two years of Mohawk Industries in Marlboro County. This most recent expansion is a testament to the strong work ethic and productivity of the people of Marlboro County and of this region. We would like to thank Mohawk for continuing to create jobs in Marlboro County and for being such a strong corporate citizen,” said state Sen. J. Yancey McGill, chairman of NESA.

“Economic development, in addition to recruiting new business, is the sustaining of existing business. I am very grateful for this expansion by Mohawk as it is needed in our community. We congratulate and thank Mohawk Industries on its new investment. This type of dedication and commitment is demonstrative of the type of corporate citizen that Mohawk exemplifies,” said state Sen. Gerald Malloy.

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“We are thrilled with Mohawk’s decision, and our legislative delegation was delighted to work on this project with local officials and state officials,” said state Rep. Doug Jennings, chairman of the Marlboro County Legislative Delegation. “The announcement by Mohawk shows confidence in Marlboro County and the state of South Carolina and we are excited that they will be expanding their facilities and creating new jobs at a time when they are critically needed.”

“Council is pleased that Mohawk has chosen Marlboro County for their extrusion expansion project. We thank Mr. Larry Perugini of Mohawk for his input in choosing Marlboro. Mr. Perugini worked here for a number of years and we appreciate his confidence in our county. This second expansion in just a few years, along with the new jobs, demonstrates the solid partnership between Mohawk Industries and the citizens of Marlboro County,” said Marlboro County Council Chairwoman Dr. Carolyn Prince.

“This expansion is another affirmation by one of our industrial partners that Marlboro County is the right place to do business,” said F. S. “Butch” Mills Jr., Executive Director of Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership. “Thanks to South Carolina Department of Commerce, the North Eastern Strategic Alliance, Marlboro County Council and the Partnership Board for their collaborative work in assisting Mohawk in their desire to expand in Marlboro County and South Carolina.”

For all open positions, please visit [www.mohawkjobs.com](http://www.mohawkjobs.com) to apply, or contact the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce in Bennettsville at 843-479-4081.

#### **About Mohawk Industries Inc.**

Mohawk is a leading supplier of flooring for both residential and commercial applications. Mohawk offers a complete selection of carpet, ceramic tile, laminate, wood, stone, vinyl, and rugs. These products are marketed under the premier brands in the industry, which include Mohawk, Karastan, Ralph Lauren, Lees, Bigelow, Dal-Tile, American Olean, Unilin and Quick Step. Mohawk’s unique merchandising and marketing assist our customers in creating the consumers' dream. Mohawk provides a premium level of service with its own trucking fleet and over 250 local distribution locations.

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