

Historic \$1B industrial announcement tops Orangeburg County's year in manufacturing

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History was made in Orangeburg County industry this past year. Birla Carbon

and company acquisition.

The year — from April 2024 through April 2025

ing LLC to spend \$166,358 for the paving project.

ounced that it had received \$42 million in New Markets Tax Credit financing for the project.

The company plans to build a peanut-shelling facility in the 4-acre South Carolina Gate-Logistics Park in Santee. It is to invest \$64.3 million in the facility over the next five years and create 101 jobs not including temporary jobs.

In August 2024, a company, remains unidentified through

of March 2025, announced

planning to invest \$11 mil-

lion in a new facility at Orange-

County's John W. Matthews

Industrial Park, which is located

county, but will create temporary construction jobs.

The county has about 137 industrial companies, according to the OCDC website.

Orangeburg County is a part of the Central South Carolina Alliance.

The CSCA is a not-for-profit public/private partnership that engages in the recruitment of capital investment and jobs to the Midlands of South Carolina.

CSCA represents the City of Columbia and eight counties: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland.

BAMBERG COUNTY

Steel company creating 40 jobs

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DENMARK — Blackhorse Steel Works, an advanced steel solutions provider, announced in March 2025 it is establishing operations in Bamberg County. The company's \$5.2 million investment will create 40 new jobs.

Blackhorse offers specialized steel services tailored for industrial and commercial projects. The company's capabilities include cutting, welding, bending, forming and precision processing.

"With our commitment to excellence, customer-focused innovation, precision products, an existing in-state customer base as well as roots in the area Blackhorse Steel Works chose to locate in Bamberg County, South Carolina, to better serve our customers," Blackhorse Works CEO John W. Matthews said.



our investment is a testament to our commitment to growing our business in the coming years. We appreciate the support and the welcome from the local community and the state," he said.

Blackhorse's 107,000-square-foot facility, located at 19110 Heritage Highway in Denmark, will be used for the fabrication of miscellaneous and structural steel components.

Operations are expected to be

online in May 2025. Individuals

interested in visiting the Black-

horse to learn more about the com-

pany's operations are welcome.

Gov. Henry McMaster said,

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