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Palmetto Brick Announces \$5 Million Plant Expansion

For Immediate Release

BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. - Palmetto Brick in Wallace, S.C. is building a new robotic packaging system that will make it one of the most technologically advanced brick manufacturers in the U.S. “This new packaging system means that none of our bricks will be touched by human hands until the brick mason puts them into the wall” states **Vice President of Palmetto Brick, Kevin Light**. “We already had one plant that was fully robotic but this new project gives both of our plants this awesome technology”, Light added.

“This new packaging system makes us one of the few brick manufacturers in the Country that has two plants that are both packaging robotically” stated **President Andy Rogers**. “Having been a past Chairman of the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership, it really makes me appreciate how Marlboro County is dedicated to not only seeking new industries but is steadfast in their support of our existing industry” Rogers added.

Palmetto is one of the largest family-owned brick manufacturers in the Southeast and has been in business for over 105 years. Palmetto Brick has 115 employees’ company-wide and has an annual capacity of 90,000,000 bricks per year.

QUOTES

“Existing industries are the backbone of our local economy. Their success is our success.”
Senator Gerald Malloy

“Marlboro County is in the business of creating better opportunities for everyone. Available product, abundant infrastructure and a talented workforce were key components to this announcement. Palmetto Brick has been in Marlboro County for over 105 years and we are going to ensure they’re here for many more years to come. “
Marlboro County Council Chairman Anthony Woods

“Marlboro County is the gateway to everywhere and has acres of opportunity. We are centrally located between I-74, I-20, I-95 and within a day’s drive of 75 percent of the U.S. population. Marlboro County has a low cost of living which equates to a low cost of doing business which means that any business that locates in our community will thrive. Our Economic Development

garden is growing and bearing fruit. Today's announcement is the perfect example of that. We were very happy to assist Palmetto Brick with this expansion"

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QUICK FACTS

- ✓ **Palmetto Brick is expanding its operations in Marlboro County**
- ✓ **The company will be automating its operations and investing \$5,000,000.00 with additional jobs.**
- ✓ **Palmetto Brick is a manufacturer of residential and commercial bricks.**
- ✓ **This company has been located in Wallace, S.C. for the past 105 years.**
- ✓ **All inquiries regarding jobs can be found on the company's website or at the Marlboro County Economic Development Office located at 214 East Market Street, Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512**