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Walker Emulsions Inc. opening facility in Orangeburg County
\$4.65 million investment expected to create 11 jobs

Orangeburg, S.C. – February 19, 2014—Walker Emulsions Inc., a producer of asphalt emulsions and industrial emulsions for the building products industries based in Ontario, Canada, is opening a facility in Orangeburg County. The \$4.6 million investment is expected to create 11 jobs.

Walker Emulsions is a subsidiary of the Walker Industries Group, a family-owned, private business and parent company to Walker Emulsions Inc., Walker Aggregate Inc. and Walker Environmental Group Inc. Walker Emulsions prides itself on the company's EARTH 1st program which reminds employees, customers and suppliers to operate *efficiently, acknowledge* that they are part of the environment, reduce *impacts*, take time to plan for *high* environmental performance.

Walker Emulsions will be acquiring the 53,266.00 sq. ft./4,950.54 sq. m Valspar Building in Orangeburg County. The company expects to begin operations this year.

"We're very excited to be opening a new facility in Orangeburg County. Our choice to locate here was in large part due to the tremendous support and assistance we received from the Orangeburg County Development Commission and South Carolina Department of Commerce. They welcomed us with open arms." -**Archie Reynolds, executive vice-president of Walker Emulsions**

"With this announcement we are once again proving that South Carolina is a top choice for foreign investment and place businesses of all kinds can find success and opportunities to grow. We applaud Walker Emulsions for opening this new facility in Orangeburg – representing a \$4.65 million investment and approximately 11 new jobs for that area." -**Gov. Nikki Haley**

"Since 2011, South Carolina has recruited more than \$6.1 billion in capital investment and more than 15,000 jobs from foreign investors. What a testament to our great state that Walker Industries would bring their first facility in the Southeastern United States to Orangeburg." -**Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt**

"We welcome this quality international family of companies. Walker Emulsion's decision to locate in Orangeburg County once again validates our quality workforce, superb location and robust utility network." Said **Johnnie Wright, Chairman, Orangeburg County Council**. "We are truly grateful."

Mayor Michael Butler, City of Orangeburg stated that "Walker Industries is a leader in the field of specialty chemicals and an innovator in the development of eco-friendly solutions. We're excited about the investment Walker Emulsions is making in our community. It's validation to our location, quality low cost utility network, and skilled workforce."

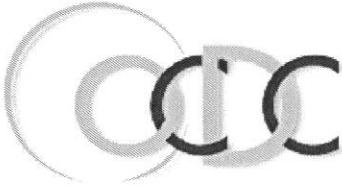
"Economic development continues to be a priority for Orangeburg County. We welcome Walker Emulsions and wish them tremendous success because when they succeed, our citizens succeed." **Ken Middleton, Chairman, Orangeburg County Development Commission**

"We certainly welcome companies to the Central SC Region that are dedicated to the environment and the communities which they locate operations. Walker Industries Group will find Orangeburg County to be business-friendly and cost effective as they service the North American market," said **David King, Vice Vice President Marketing & Global Business Development, Central /SC Alliance**.

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FIVE FAST FACTS

- **\$4.6 million** investment is expected to add at least **11 new jobs**.
- Canada based company **opening first southeast U.S. facility** in Orangeburg County.
- **Subsidiary of Walker Industries Group** – a family owned private company with three subsidiary companies.
- Walker Emulsions will be **acquiring the Valspar Building** in Orangeburg County.
- This is the fourth Canadian Manufacturing facility in Orangeburg County representing one of the highest concentrations of Canadian manufacturing in the State.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Walker Emulsions (USA) Inc. is a business unit of Walker Industries Holdings Limited. , which was formed in 1887. The Walker Industries group of companies has been privately run as a family business through five generations, under professional management. With its head office in Niagara Falls, Ontario, the company employs 550 people at operations throughout Canada and the U.S. Walker is a company dedicated to the environment, community and safety of its employees. The range of businesses Walker operates includes:

- **Walker Emulsions Inc.**

Processing plants and research and development laboratories are located in Burlington, Ontario and Portland, Oregon. Walker Emulsions Inc. produces asphalt emulsions and industrial emulsions for the building products industries.

- **Walker Aggregates Inc.**

12 pits and quarries in the Niagara, Simcoe and Essex regions of Ontario. Construction and paving operations function in the Niagara area of Ontario, with most of the work performed for municipal, regional and provincial governments.

- **Walker Environmental Group Inc.**

Active collection, transfer, composting, recycling and landfill facilities allow customers to deal with a fully integrated waste management company. Walker is also involved in processing liquid organic wastes. The company, through joint ventures, owns and operates several co-generation facilities across Canada.

Walker Industries believes in contributing to the communities in which it operates. The company's and the Walker family's financial support have helped to strengthen health care services, creative arts, education, community projects and more.

Walker has demonstrated its commitment to environmental leadership through its innovative EARTH 1st program. EARTH 1st reminds the company's employees, customers and suppliers to "*efficiently* operate, *acknowledge* that they are part of the environment, *reduce* impacts, and *take* time to plan for *higher* environmental performance."

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