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New plant to locate in Georgetown County Industrial Park

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — MPW Industrial Services will open a new industrial water regeneration plant in the Georgetown County Business Center, located in Andrews. The plant, a $10 million project, is expected to begin operations next summer and create 32 jobs, in addition to temporary construction jobs.

The company has purchased an existing building constructed and owned by Georgetown County and will refit it to suit their needs.

“We are delighted that MPW Industrial services has chosen to locate in Georgetown County and make an investment of this size here,” said Georgetown County Council Chairman Johnny Morant. “The jobs the company will bring will have a lasting impact and greatly benefit our community and the Andrews area in particular. We are committed to working with and attracting businesses that provide more opportunities for Georgetown County residents, and we consider MPW's decision a great success.”

The site purchased by MPW is located at 373 Technology Drive, in the same industrial park where SafeRack operates. Construction is expected to begin this fall. State and local officials are providing $225,000 in incentives for the project.

The new plant will enable MPW to meet the needs of its growing customer base in the Southeast, said Jared Black, general manager for MPW's Industrial Water division.

“In addition to being business friendly, Georgetown County is a great location because we can easily reach clients from Florida to Alabama, all of whom depend on us for prompt and timely service,” Black said.

MPW's regeneration facilities serve clients within a 500-mile radius, restoring the exhausted resin from the company's mobile deionization systems back to an ionic form capable of purifying more water. Clients requiring pure water for their processes include the automotive, power generation, petrochemical and refining, and pulp and paper industries.

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Brian Tucker, director of the Georgetown County Economic Development Department, has been working on bringing MPW to the county for nearly a year now and said he’s happy to be able to officially welcome the company.

“Our entire team has worked hard for months to get to this point,” Tucker said. “I’m excited about this new plant and I’m even more excited about the jobs coming to Georgetown County and Andrews. This is a great win for the county and the broader community.”

In addition to Tucker’s office, the team that worked to bring MPW to the county included County Council, the S.C. Department of Commerce, the North Eastern Strategic Alliance [NESA], Georgetown County Water and Sewer District, Santee Electric, and the Georgetown County Alliance for Economic Development.

“Today’s announcement isn’t just important because of the number of jobs or the level of investment that a great company such as MPW Industrial Services is making in our region,” said Yancey McGill, chairman NESA’s executive committee. “It’s important because they, as a company, know they can be successful in our region. They know that our workforce, infrastructure and overall business environment provide them with everything they need to be successful.”

The Georgetown facility will be MPW’s fifth regeneration plant. The others are in Newark, Ohio; Port Arthur, Texas; Sedalia, Mo.; and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**About MPW**

With nearly 3,000 employees and 72 locations in the United States and Canada, MPW Industrial Services provides industrial cleaning, water purification, facility management and environmental management services to clients in the power generation, primary metals, chemicals, refining, oil and gas, automotive, food and beverage and pulp and paper industries.

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