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in association with the
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce,
the 22nd annual ranking of the state's
privately owned companies.

THIS IS THE 22ND YEAR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA 100SM ranking of the state's largest privately held companies. The South Carolina 100 is compiled by Grant Thornton LLP, the fifth largest accounting firm in the United States, under the direction of Mark Ballew, Partner, in cooperation with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Total revenues for the 2006 South Carolina 100 are \$19.8 billion, compared with \$15 billion last year. Milliken & Company of Spartanburg remains the top company in the ranking as the state's largest privately held business.

Companies rounding out the list's top 10 include: The InterTech Group Inc. and Affiliates (No. 2); Springs Global US Inc. (No. 3); J M Smith Corporation (No. 4); Piggly Wiggly Holdings LLC (No. 5); Southeastern Freight Lines Inc. (No. 6); Mount Vernon Mills Inc. (No. 7); Dearybury Oil & Gas Inc. (No. 8); Blanchard Machinery Company (No. 9); and Edens & Avant (No. 10).

Thirty-two of the companies are manufacturers, representing \$10 billion in revenues, or about 51 percent of the total revenue. South Carolina 100 manufacturers' employees account for approximately 53,500 workers, or 53 percent of jobs represented in the survey. Twenty-five of

the businesses are wholesale distribution companies with \$5.3 billion in revenues and approximately 9,600 employees.

This year, 16 companies appear in the ranking either for the first time or after an absence. They are Springs Global US Inc. (No. 3), American LaFrance LLC (No. 18), Malphrus Construction Co. Inc. (No. 25), C.C. Dickson Co. (No. 27), Dispoz-O Plastics Inc. (No. 47), Chicora Development SC Corporation (No. 48), West Oil Company Inc. (No. 50), The LPA Group Incorporated (No. 60), T&S Brass & Bronze Works Inc. (No. 64), Engineered Textile Group Inc. (No. 70), Southland Log Homes Inc. (No. 77), Merritt Veterinary Supplies Inc. (No. 80), Colinx LLC (No. 81), Morrison Textile Machinery Co. (No. 84), Easley Custom Plastics Inc. (No. 96), and ACS Technologies Inc. (No. 98).

The companies with rank increases of 10 or more positions for 2006 included: Joseph Walker & Co. Inc., up 26 places; Martin Engineering Inc., up 15; and Dearybury Oil & Gas Inc., up 11 places. The Mungo Companies, Thompson Construction Group Inc., and Trehel Corporation all jumped 10 positions in the ranking.

Participation in the South Carolina 100 is voluntary, and companies are ranked based upon their

net revenues for their most recently completed fiscal year. To qualify, companies must be privately held, headquartered in South Carolina, and cannot be controlled by another company. Financial institutions, insurance companies, real estate and other brokerages, health care organizations, and companies primarily engaged in retail are not eligible for the South Carolina 100 listing.

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The 2006 South Carolina Top 100

#	Company	City	CEO	Business Description
MORE THAN \$1 BILLION				
1	Milliken & Company	Spartanburg	G. Ashley Allen	Manufacturer of textile products and chemicals
2	The InterTech Group Inc. and Affiliates	North Charleston	Jerry Zucker	Manufacturer of high-performance polymer and elastomeric materials and composites, electronics and financial services ¹
3	Springs Global US Inc.	Fort Mill	Crandall C. Bowles	Textile home furnishings (sheets, towels, comforters, etc.)
\$100 MILLION TO \$999 MILLION				
5	Piggly Wiggly Holdings LLC	Charleston	Joseph T. Newton III	Wholesale grocery distribution and grocery
6	Southeastern Freight Lines Inc.	Lexington	William T. Cassels Jr.	Motor freight transportation
47	Dispoz-O Plastics Inc.	Fountain Inn	Joseph D. Lancia	Manufacturer of plastic products
\$50 MILLION TO \$99 MILLION				
37	Sanders Bros. Inc.	Gaffney	Terry L. Hill	Full-service industrial contractor
64	T&S Brass & Bronze Works Inc.	Travelers Rest	Claude I. Theisen	Manufacturer of commercial and institutional plumbing products
96	Easley Custom Plastics Inc.	Easley	Craig Homan	Plastics-mold manufacturer
99	Cogsdill Tool Products Inc.	Camden	Don Mitchell	Manufacturer of precision metal-working tools for industrial use in machine tools