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# AGRU America, Inc. opening Charleston County operations

Manufacturer investing in \$30 million facility and creating 37 new jobs.

AGRU America, Inc., a manufacturer of premium geosynthetic liners and thermoplastic piping solutions, is adding Charleston County to its South Carolina footprint with a new \$30 million facility.

Since 1988, the Georgetown, SC–based AGRU America has been the world's leading manufacturer of flat-die extrusion geomembranes, geonets, geocomposites, geotextiles, geosynthetic clay liners, concrete protective liners, and fittings. AGRU America now employs more than 200 people at facilities in Georgetown, Andrews, Charleston, and Fernley, Nevada.

Located off Greenleaf Road, the waterfront plant allows direct loading of the large diameter PE pipes into the Cooper River to export to eight countries around the globe. For the production of the large diameter piping systems, AGRU uses PE 100 or PE4710 resins allowing for better long-term hydraulic properties, saving operation costs, and providing high resistance to corrosion, wear and tear, and UV radiation.

Hiring for the new positions has begun and interested applicants should visit **AGRU America's LinkedIn page** at: <u>https://www.linkedin.com/company/agru-america-inc./</u> for more information.

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### QUOTES

"We at AGRU are grateful to Charleston and the State of South Carolina for the amazing support over the years, which has culminated in the grand opening of our XXL Pipe Production Facility. With this facility, and the help of more than two dozen skilled workers in Charleston, we will be able to produce among the largest diameter pipes in the world." -AGRU America, Inc. President and CEO Robert Johnson

"Our highly-skilled workforce, business-friendly climate and globally connected infrastructure influenced AGRU's decision to open operations in Charleston County. We congratulate AGRU America on their opening and look forward to assisting in their future growth." –Charleston County Council Chairman Victor Rawl

"I would like to congratulate AGRU on its continued success and its expansion into Charleston. We are proud that AGRU has chosen the City of Charleston for the location of their new facility. The investment by this high quality company will bring jobs and energy to this emerging area of our city." –Charleston Mayor John J. Tecklenburg

"It is with marked excitement that we congratulate AGRU America on their decision to expand their presence in South Carolina. This more than \$30 million project, which will create 37 new jobs, is a wonderful achievement for all parties involved and is another example of the many advantages of doing business in Charleston County." – Charleston County Economic Development Executive Director Steve Dykes

## **FIVE FAST FACTS**

- AGRU America is a manufacturer of premium geosynthetic liners and thermoplastic piping solutions.
- The company is establishing a new manufacturing facility in Charleston County.
- The global company has been in business for half a century.

- Its latest \$30 million investment will create 37 new jobs.
- Hiring for the new positions is underway, and interested applicants should visit **AGRU America's LinkedIn page** at: https://www.linkedin.com/company/agru-america-inc./ for more information.

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