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**Southeastern Petroleum Breaks Ground on New Facility in Chester County**  
*\$30 million investment expected to generate 24 new jobs*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – June 16, 2009 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce and Chester County today joined Southeastern Petroleum at a groundbreaking celebration in Chester County. In January, Southeastern Petroleum announced its plans to locate a new manufacturing facility in Chester County, investing approximately \$30 million and creating 24 new jobs. Today's groundbreaking celebration marked the company's initial step to begin its green manufacturing operations in Chester County.

"Pesco-Beam and Southeastern Petroleum are pleased to break ground in Chester, South Carolina. This is an excellent location and offers positive avenues for our business needs. We appreciate the effort and support that Chester County provided in assisting us in making the right decision. Our plans are to expand Southeastern Petroleum in the future and build a Pesco-Beam R&D Center on the property. We are glad to be part of Chester County," said Richard L. Erwin, project consultant and corporate liaison for Pesco-Beam and Southeastern Petroleum.

Donald G. Burnette Sr., president of Southeastern Petroleum, is partnering with Pesco-Beam Environmental Solutions Inc. to bring state-of-the-art technology to Chester County.

Southeastern Petroleum is a green manufacturer of base oils used in the production of lubricants. Once fully operational, the company expects to produce up to 10 million gallons annually from their new Chester County facility.

"It's great to see Southeastern Petroleum taking the next step to begin its new green manufacturing operations in Chester County. Southeastern Petroleum specializes in recycling used motor oil into base oils that are as good as or better than virgin base oils and diesel fuel. By fostering a business-friendly climate and focusing on building a skilled workforce, South Carolina has the tools to attract new investments from companies like Southeastern Petroleum and this in turn means job opportunities for workers in our state," said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

"We are pleased to partner with Southeastern Petroleum and are excited that they are breaking ground and moving forward to build an oil recovery operation here in Chester County. Southeastern Petroleum has committed to 24 jobs and an investment of \$30 million and a future Research and Development Facility. We will continue to work to make their efforts a success in Chester County!" R. Carlisle Roddey, Chester County supervisor.

Pesco-Beam, the majority stake holder in Southeastern Petroleum, designs and builds systems which recover high-quality oils from used oil streams to be placed back into the market. Pesco-Beam specializes in custom design systems to meet the specific need of each individual client. These systems combine technologies that will produce a superior product without producing more waste which can damage the environment. For more information concerning this project, please contact Richard L. Erwin, project consultant and corporate liaison at [Richard@ProductManagementGroup.biz](mailto:Richard@ProductManagementGroup.biz).

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