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Freudenberg Texbond LP to invest \$23 Million expanding their Macon, GA facility

Richard Shaw, CEO, Freudenberg Texbond LP, joined state and local economic development officials today to announce that they will be expanding their Macon, GA facility to accommodate the demand for their spunbonded polyester nonwoven product used primarily in the roofing industry. The international manufacturing company will invest \$23 million, construct a new 50,000 sq. ft. facility, and add up to 20 new employees.

"Macon was the natural choice for our expansion. Freudenberg Texbond is known for its superior, high quality Nonwovens product, offered at reasonable prices through highly efficient production, and Macon was the community in which we could continue to fulfill our mission," states Richard Shaw, CEO of Freudenberg Texbond LP.

"Since 1984, Freudenberg Texbond has been a strong corporate citizen in Macon," states Steve Kruger, Chairman of the Macon Economic Development Commission (MEDC). "MEDC strives to support growth from our existing industries as well as recruit new businesses," continues Kruger. "Our existing businesses are a vital part of this economy and the source of most of our new jobs, so we are especially proud to have been able to assist Freudenberg Texbond with this expansion."

Freudenberg Texbond looked at locations in the southeast along with one in Canada for this expansion. The Macon location will be eligible for state tax credits and Quick Start training as well as local property tax abatements for the new building and equipment.

"The Industrial Authority has been a partner with Freudenberg Texbond since the beginning," states Frank Amerson, Chairman of the Macon Bibb County Industrial Authority. "They acquired the land they are now expanding on from the Authority earlier, and we feel honored that they have chosen their Macon facility for this expansion," continues Amerson. "Congratulations to Richard Shaw and his fine staff."

Freudenberg Texbond LP, formerly known as Politex, began its Macon, GA operation in 1986. The fiber extrusion and nonwoven plants currently employ more than 100 associates in their 280,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facilities. Freudenberg Texbond was established in 1999 as a joint venture between Politex Spa of Novedrate, Italy and the Freudenberg Group of Weinheim, Germany.

The Macon Economic Development Commission, the marketing arm of the community, is funded by the business community through the Chamber of Commerce, the County, the City, and the Macon Water Authority.

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