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Trelleborg Inaugurates its New Manufacturing Facility for Agricultural Tires in South Carolina

Spartanburg, South Carolina - Today, Trelleborg inaugurates its first North American manufacturing facility dedicated to the manufacture of premium radial tires for agricultural machinery in Spartanburg, South Carolina in the U.S.

Representing a 50 million USD investment, the 40,000 square meter / 430,000 square foot production facility expands the Group's global reach in the agricultural tire market and is forecast to create around 150 jobs by 2018.

Paolo Pompei, President Agricultural & Forestry Tires at Trelleborg Wheel Systems, says: "Today, we are honored to be here cutting the ribbon to open our new tire manufacturing facility in the U.S. and to celebrate this special moment in the presence of our guests from all over the world, including representatives from leading tractors manufacturers, the Governor of South Carolina, Niki Haley, as well as Ulf Berghult, CFO Trelleborg AB, and Maurizio Vischi, President of Trelleborg Wheel Systems."

"North America is the largest agricultural market in the world and it is highly attractive for us. Demand for extra-large agricultural tires, where Trelleborg is a market leader, is growing in the region. Although we already sell our products in the U.S. and Canada, local production offers considerably more favorable conditions, thus enhancing our competitiveness.

"We are now located in a modern facility in a prime location with state-of-the-art equipment designed according to the latest Trelleborg technology standards. This means we will be able to capitalize on existing partnership agreements with major original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and distributors, while facilitating the transfer of technology from one part of the world to another.

"The Spartanburg facility is one of the most automated manufacturing facilities in the agricultural industry. This enables us to guarantee the highest standard of production to customers across the North American market, which we are confident, will allow us to replicate the phenomenal ramp up of our Xingtai facility in China."

The inauguration of the agricultural tire facility took place on January 27. Production of agricultural tires commenced late 2015 and all manufacturing equipment will gradually be installed by 2018 to cater for market growth and ensure that OEMs, dealers and farming



professionals benefit from Trelleborg's proximity and product availability. Following its grand opening in January 2016, Trelleborg customers will be able to organize factory visits to see the state-of-the-art Spartanburg facility first-hand.

Trelleborg is present in over 40 countries globally. The U.S. is the largest single market for Trelleborg with net sales in 2014 of around \$730 million USD and over 2,000 employees. All Trelleborg operations and products have sales representation in the country and all business areas have manufacturing facilities. Engineered fabrics, printing blankets, sealing profiles, industrial anti-vibration systems, pipe seals, applied technologies, offshore equipment, marine systems, sealing solutions, agricultural tires and industrial tires are produced in the U.S.

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Trelleborg Wheel Systems is a leading global supplier of tires and complete wheel systems for agricultural and forest machinery, forklift trucks and other materials-handling vehicles. The company offers highly specialized solutions to create added value for customers. Trelleborg is partner of all leading manufacturers of tractors and agricultural machines. It has annual sales of about SEK 4.167 million (EUR 459 million), 3.047 employees and manufacturing facilities in Italy, Latvia, China, Sri Lanka, Sweden and U.S. www.trelleborg.com/wheels

Trelleborg is a world leader in engineered polymer solutions that seal, damp and protect critical applications in demanding environments. Its innovative engineered solutions accelerate performance for customers in a sustainable way. The Trelleborg Group has annual sales of about SEK 22 billion (EUR 2.48 billion, USD 3.29 billion) in over 40 countries. The Group comprises five business areas: Trelleborg Coated Systems, Trelleborg Industrial Solutions, Trelleborg Offshore & Construction, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions and Trelleborg Wheel Systems. In addition, Trelleborg owns 50 percent of TrelleborgVibracoustic, a global leader within antivibration solutions for light and heavy vehicles, with annual sales of approximately SEK 16 billion (EUR 1.78 billion, USD 2.36 billion) in about 20 countries. The Trelleborg share has been listed on the Stock Exchange since 1964 and is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, Large Cap. www.trelleborg.com.