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ENGINEERING FIRM ANNOUNCES NEW REGIONAL OFFICE

(Greer, South Carolina) The *Greer Development Corporation* and the *Upstate Alliance of South Carolina* announced today that *Waltonen Engineering, Inc.* will be locating its new Southeast regional engineering offices at 570 Brookshire Road in Greer, South Carolina. The company plans to occupy 6,000 square feet in the Gateway International Business Center which is located off of SC Hwy 101 near Interstate 85. Within the first year of operations they anticipate hiring 15 to 25 new employees.

Waltonen Engineering, Inc. is headquartered in Warren, Michigan and is a provider of full service engineering and design services, turnkey automated systems, and personnel resource services. The company is ISO 9001 certified and offers a specialized degree of expertise in robotics and transfer systems, production simulations, and tool/fixture design and prototyping. Since 1957, the company has worked with a variety of customers in the automotive, defense, pharmaceutical, distribution, and biotechnology industry sectors. Some of their quality customers include DaimlerChrysler, Ford, General Dynamics Land Systems, General Motors, Magna, Nachi, Saturn, ThyssenKrupp Budd, TRW Automotive, the US Postal Service and Whirlpool.

"The opening of our South Carolina office marks a milestone in our diversification strategy portfolio for the Southeast region. We are impressed with the city, and appreciative of the assistance received to date from the Greer Development Corporation and the Upstate Alliance of South Carolina. Greer, SC offered us a central location to support manufacturers across a wide range of industries in the region, a professional and a well-educated work force with close proximity to the Greenville airport. The city offers our employees a good quality of life and a positive business climate," said Lloyd Brown, President and Owner of *Waltonen Engineering*.

"Companies like *Waltonen Engineering* are an asset to industry across the board and are critical to building wealth for our citizens and the ultimate economic success of a region. We are honored that Waltonen Engineering chose to locate its Southeast office in the Upstate," said *Upstate Alliance* President and CEO Hal Johnson.

"On behalf of the *Greer Development Corporation*, I want to welcome *Waltonen Engineering* to the City of Greer and Spartanburg County," commented Jerry Balding, Chairman of the *Greer Development Corporation*. "The addition of *Waltonen Engineering* exemplifies that our community can attract quality companies that will grow and diversify our local economy. I wish them great success in their future endeavors here in Greer, South Carolina."

Mr. Bill Clark has been selected the new Southeast Regional Manager to develop and operate the Greer facility. He brings 25 years of experience providing solutions for clients in automotive, electronics, defense, and pharmaceutical industries. Please contact him at (864) 303-8018 for more information on planning, production, design, engineering, and automation services provided by Waltonen Engineering. Additional company information is available at www.waltonen.com.

The Greer Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established to promote and enhance economic growth and development in the Greer community. Additional information is available through GDC's web site, www.greerdevelopment.com.

The Upstate Alliance is a public/private regional economic development organization designed to market the 10 counties in South Carolina's Upstate – Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union. The 10 counties represent the commerce-rich northwestern corner of South Carolina, including the I-85 corridor and the Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson metropolitan area. Additional information is available through the Alliance's web site, www.upstatealliance.com.