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MAPAL expands works in Fountain Inn

MAPAL has expanded its works on the Fountain Inn site in the US state of South Carolina and created additional capacity for sales, service and manufacturing. A prestigious administration building has been built in the last twelve months. Along with modern offices, a test centre for the aerospace sector as well as a showroom for customers have been integrated into the new building. The total floor space at the works has increased by 1,000 square metres to 2,250 square metres. MAPAL has invested around four million US dollars. This figure includes the expansion of the production facilities; around 30 additional jobs will also be created.

The subsidiary in Fountain Inn has been in existence since 2012. It is the second MAPAL USA production site with 250 employees across the country. The headquarters are in Port Huron, not far from Detroit in the state of Michigan. MAPAL has been present on the US market for more than 40 years and is continuously expanding its position in all major sectors. "It is important for us to have regional bases in both the north and also the south of the USA to ensure consistent support to our customers", emphasises Sydney Paiva, CEO of MAPAL USA. The works in Fountain Inn acts as a regional centre for the automotive and aerospace industry based in the area. "And we are also a hub for the production of solid carbide tools for North, Central and South America" Paiva adds. The new capacity will improve flexibility and make leaner processes possible: "Due to the proximity to our customers and production on site, we save time and minimise our reaction times. Individual machining solutions can be developed locally and in close co-operation with the users," underlines Paiva.

Captions:

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