

Bleachery Road Warehouse, LLC c/o Richard W. Hills 24 Green Valley Road Greenville, SC 29617

August 4, 2021

Dear Richard,

Amendments to the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act provide the opportunity for tax credits for certain activities pertaining to a property that is located in a distressed area, as designated by the applicable council of governments. At their regular meeting on October 26, 2018, the Appalachian Council of Governments Board of Directors made these designations for Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties.

Through this correspondence, I am certifying that Greenville County tax parcels 0147.00-01-001.00 and 0148.00-01-001.00 are in a distressed area of the State of South Carolina as designated by the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Council of Governments.

If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With regards,

E. Brooke Ferguson

Economic Development Director

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

Regarding TMS No. 0147.00-01-001.00

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING ABANDONED TEXTILE MILL STATUS

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned, who first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. My name is Gerry Benston.
- 2. I am 18 years of age or older, am of sound mind and body, and personally aware of the information contained in this Affidavit.
 - I swear and affirm the following:
 - A. I was the President/Co-Owner of Fibre Processing Co., Inc. which owned the land and buildings located at 201 Old Bleachery Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29609 and bearing the TMS number referenced above (the "Property").
 - B. Fibre Processing Co., Inc. operated a textile manufacturing plant (the "Plant") at the Property from 1947 to 2003, and employed an average of around seventy (70) employees.
 - C. During its period of operation, the Plant recycled waste fibers from other textile mills by re-running the fibers through the Plant's fiber-processing system. Shorter fibers were used to make matting, and such matting would then be used as padding in automobile seats and mattresses. Longer fibers were blended with "virgin" material and sent back to textile mills for spinning and carding. The Plant also recycled tire cord made from polyester, rayon, nylon and aramid, and after processing, this material was shipped overseas and used to manufacture fishnets. Finally, the Plant reprocessed cotton fibers to enable the scrap fibers to be used in paper products.
 - D. In January of 2003, Fibre Processing Co., Inc. ceased operations, and it sold the Property on June 30, 2003.
- 4. I intend for the County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina to rely on this Affidavit in making a determination as provided in Section 12-65-10 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Gerry Benston

July <u>5</u>, 2022

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

I certify that Gerry Benston personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he voluntarily signed the foregoing Affidavit as his free act and deed for the purposes stated herein.

Date: July 5, 2022

Print Name: Kenneth Whitmin

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 6/12/2027

[SEAL OR STAMP]



