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### **Hemp Processing Company to Establish Operations in Marion County**

*More than \$2.9 million investment to create 25 new jobs*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Pee Dee Extractors, LLC, a hemp processing company, today announced plans to establish operations in Marion County. The company's more than \$2.9 million investment is projected to create 25 new jobs.

Using a carbon dioxide extraction method, Pee Dee Extractors, LLC processes hemp for CBD and its byproducts.

Located at 1506 U.S. 378 in Gresham, Pee Dee Extractors, LLC's new facility will serve as a location where the company can grow hemp for seed production and also research development.

The new facility is expected to be online by the end January 2020. Individuals interested in joining the Pee Dee Extractors, LLC team should visit [www.lifeleafmedical.com](http://www.lifeleafmedical.com).

#### **QUOTES**

"Pee Dee Extractors, LLC is excited to open our new facility in Marion County. Everyone from Marion County has been very helpful and inviting to us and we are very thankful. The people of Marion County are friendly and hard-working and we look forward to the years to come.

Thanks again to the Marion County staff for your warm welcome." **–Pee Dee Extractors, LLC**

**Owner Scott J. Willis**

"South Carolina's fast-growing hemp industry will benefit from the research and development that Pee Dee Extractors can bring to the table, not to mention the processing capacity. We hope this encourages still more farmers to explore this exciting new crop." **–Commissioner of**

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"Today's announcement from Pee Dee Extractors, LLC, make it clear that agribusiness is as important to South Carolina's present and future as it has been to our past, and that the



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growing hemp industry in our state is spurring job creation at every step of the process from seed to shelf." **—Gov. Henry McMaster**

"South Carolina has a rich history in agribusiness, and today's announcement by Pee Dee Extractors, LLC shows that this industry continues to flourish in the Palmetto State. We congratulate this company on their new operations and look forward to watching them succeed for years to come." **—Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt**

"Marion County Council is thrilled to welcome Pee Dee Extractors as a new business in our county. It is always great to see new businesses opening here because it shows that we have the right environment for success. Pee Dee Extractors will be well supported by the local government and by the community at large. They will soon see why Marion County is "just right!" **—Marion County Council Chair Buddy Collins**

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