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## Expansion of the works in the US state of South Carolina

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. That is around 3.6 million euros. This figure includes the expansion of the production facilities; around 30 additional jobs will also be created.

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## Regional bases for end-to-end support

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“, emphasizes Dr. Jochen Kress, President of MAPAL.

## Quick on-site assistance with new production capacities

The Fountain Inn plant serves as a regional hub for the nearby automotive and aviation industries. "It will also be a hub for the production of solid carbide tools for North and Central and South America," adds Kress. The new capacities allow for more flexibility and leaner processes: "By being close to our customers and producing locally, we save time and minimize our response times. The development of individual machining solutions can be carried out locally and in close coordination with the users," emphasizes Kress.

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MAPAL factory in South Carolina: Capacity has been expanded.



MAPAL factory in South Carolina. New test centre for the aviation sector.

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