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Schulz Group Breaks Ground on Pipe Manufacturing Facility in Tunica, MS

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Governor Haley Barbour, local officials and representatives from Wilh. Schulz GMBH attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new Schulz Xtruded Products (SXP) plant in Tunica. The property will serve as the company's North American seamless pipe and extruded shapes/profiles manufacturing facility.

"I am delighted to join Wolfgang Schulz and other company officials at the site of Schulz's new manufacturing facility in Tunica County today," Governor Haley Barbour said. "We could not be more pleased that this premier global company chose to locate its first North American production facility in the Mississippi Delta, and I am proud that Schulz officials have placed their confidence in the state's workforce and in our business climate."



SXP pipe products are in demand by industrial, oil, gas & nuclear clients worldwide. The breakthrough, proprietary extrusion process used to produce the company's seamless extruded metallurgical bonded pipe will be exclusive to this facility. In addition to its pipe products, SXP will manufacture extruded shapes/profiles used for aircraft parts and other aerospace applications.

"We are pleased to be here today celebrating the groundbreaking of our new Mississippi facility," said Rainer Floeth, president and chief executive officer of Schulz Xtruded Products. "We have enjoyed working with officials from the State of Mississippi and Tunica County and other local leaders on this project, and we eagerly await the opening of this new plant at the end of the year."

Just 30 miles south of Memphis, the Tunica County plant is expected to create 500 jobs over the next five years. The facility will be 450,000 square feet, and represents a \$300 million investment by the Schulz Group. Tunica was selected over an application pool of 300 other counties vying for the opportunity.

"Our team at the Mississippi Development Authority is very appreciative to have had the opportunity to compete on this project," said Gray Swoope, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority. "I commend Schulz officials for moving so quickly to begin construction of this new plant and to start hiring workers immediately in anticipation of starting production at the end of the year. We look forward to working with this valued new corporate citizen in the years ahead."

Schulz is headquartered in Krefeld, Germany. Founded in 1945, the company is a global supplier of piping components for facilities in the nuclear power, oil and gas, fossil fuel power plant, water treatment and chemical industries. Schulz operates production facilities in Germany and Brazil and maintains 14 sales offices, representative offices and distribution centers in locations around the world.