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Lockhart Power Donates \$100,000 to Union County *Funds to support new steel service center*

Spartanburg, S.C. (Dec. 10, 2012) – [Lockhart Power Company](#) announces that the company is donating \$100,000 to Union County to support of the arrival of the Gonvauto South Carolina steel service center at the Union County Commerce Industrial Park. The facility, which is being built by Gonvarri Steel Service and is the company’s first steel service center in the U.S., will be located on 24 acres along highway US 18 in the Bonham Community, in close proximity to the Gestamp LLC automotive parts manufacturing facility.

“We are thrilled to support the arrival of a company whose facility will have a ripple effect within our community,” said Bryan Stone, Chief Operating Officer of Lockhart Power. “Not only will Gonvauto bring jobs and tax revenue to Union County, but it will show others who are interested in locating facilities here that we will do everything within our power to support their arrival.”

“Lockhart Power is proud to have a long history of supporting Union County through economic development donations,” said Richard Webel, President of [Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc.](#), the parent company of Lockhart Power. In 2012, Lockhart Power donated \$100,000 to make infrastructure improvements to the Midway Green Industrial Park, and previously provided support for the Trakas industrial site.

“Lockhart Power Company is a great corporate citizen and valued partner for all of Union County,” said Andrena Powell-Baker, Executive Director of the Union County Development Board. “They have been a sustainable resource for energy and support in our community for over 100 years and we are very grateful for their continued generosity. Their financial support over the years has given us a competitive advantage allowing us to win a number of industrial projects. This most recent award of \$100,000 in license tax credits to Union County on behalf of Gonvauto South Carolina was a contributing factor to landing the deal here in Union. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship with Lockhart Power.”

About Lockhart Power Company

[Lockhart Power Company](#) is an investor-owned public utility servicing the Upstate of South Carolina since 1912, with 99 percent of its power generated from renewable sources. Lockhart Power provides reliable

and cost-effective electric service to its retail and wholesale customers, while also providing renewable energy to the City of Columbia and Duke Energy Carolinas.

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