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Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Valagro Plant in the US

Valagro, a leader in the development, production and marketing of biostimulant and advanced nutrient solutions for cash and row crops, is commencing **the construction of its Orangeburg, South Carolina plant in the United States, with a groundbreaking ceremony**, which was attended by members of the local community, esteemed guests, state representatives, as well as members of federal government.

Consistent with Valagro's commitment to innovation, the plant will introduce cutting-edge technologies for the production of plant biostimulants and chelated micronutrients in the United States. The opening of the production site will also involve the creation of nearly 50 new advanced manufacturing jobs.

Thanks to the Orangeburg production plant, Valagro will be able to better meet current and future American demand for innovative sustainable agriculture solutions, better serve North American customers, and advance the use of biological products in agriculture.

"The new American plant is a fundamental part of Valagro's global production strategy and is further evidence of the company's continued and solid global growth. But beyond this, I would like to emphasize the site's role in advancing the broader objective of creating conditions that enable the agriculture of the future in a market that is as essential to us as it is to the global farming industry in general. This is why we are also launching our Valagro for Future Farming initiative. The Orangeburg plant will be a facility for innovation, where science is applied to agriculture to produce solutions that can help growers obtain more abundant and better quality harvests more efficiently. And this is our commitment." **-Giuseppe Natale, CEO of Valagro.**

"Today, we celebrate yet another international firm choosing to do business in South Carolina, a further testament to our business-friendly climate and well-trained workforce. I congratulate Valagro and Orangeburg County on this terrific new partnership and look forward to watching it thrive for years to come." **-Governor Henry McMaster, State of South Carolina**

"When a new business comes to South Carolina, it speaks volumes not only about our business climate, but also about our workforce. I am excited to see what the future has in store for Valagro and their new home in Orangeburg County." **-Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt, SC Department of Commerce**

"Orangeburg County welcomes Valagro to our community. We are grateful they have chosen Orangeburg County as your first manufacturing facility in the U.S. It is a testament to our skilled workforce, location and pro-business environment. We thank you for your investment in our county and our citizens." **-Chairman Johnnie Wright Sr., Orangeburg County Council**

"I join with the Orangeburg City Council in welcoming Valagro, a leader in the production and marketing of biostimulants and specialty nutrients. Their commitment is a positive reflection of our workforce and will provide quality careers for our citizens. By creating these jobs, 47 families will benefit and our community will continue to prosper. We look forward to working with the company and celebrating its success." **-Mayor Michael C. Butler, City of Orangeburg**

"We're delighted that Valagro has selected Orangeburg County for its next facility. The company's expansion into Orangeburg County is a boon for the local economy and workforce, and further confirms South Carolina's position as a strong competitor in attracting international companies looking to grow their business in the U.S." **-Chairman Mike Brenan, Central South Carolina Alliance**

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