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Daimler Trucks buys York County campus site

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Daimler Trucks North America has purchased 396 undeveloped acres in York County, the company confirmed late Wednesday.

The site is expected to eventually serve as an office campus for the Portland, Ore.-based company.

The former Freightliner has said previously that the site is under consideration for an extensive office operation. But it has stopped short of saying whether it could eventually house a relocation of the corporate headquarters from Portland. The company has 3,150 employees there. S.C. officials have previously told the *Charlotte Business Journal* that the headquarters is in play.

The sale of the property closed Aug. 7. It was sold by a group called Allison Creek Partners. It is in York County and borders Lake Wylie, where Allison Creek enters the lake.

The truckmaker plans an office building that will house roughly 340 jobs recently transferred from Portland, including marketing, sales and customer support.

Those jobs are currently housed in the 100,000-square-foot Koll Intellicenter Building in Fort Mill.

The new building, which will measure 150,000 to 200,000 square feet, will include features not available in other spec-built properties, according to a Daimler spokeswoman.

Construction is expected to begin before the end of 2009.

Daimler operates three plants in the Charlotte region that have employed as many as 6,000 workers. It had considered western York County for a large campus that would house an undetermined number of corporate employees.

At a news conference last November, company CEO Chris Patterson declined to make a definitive statement about the future of the company's Portland headquarters. He acknowledged the company would not get the best incentive package unless it moved additional jobs. The S.C. Department of Commerce has refused to release Daimler's application for incentives in that state, noting the project remains active.

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