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GREENBERRY INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING PROJECT TO CREATE 100 NEW JOBS IN JENNINGS

Facility will occupy former Gulf Island Shipyard site on Mermentau River

JENNINGS, La. – Greenberry Industrial, a Washington-based fabricator and contractor serving a wide range of industrial markets, announced that it is in the process of converting a shipyard fabrication facility into a manufacturing plant that will result in a significant number of new jobs in Jefferson Davis Parish.

The new plant will occupy the former Gulf Islands Shipyards facility located on 180 acres along the Mermentau River in Jennings. Greenberry will use the site to manufacture heavy industrial modules for petrochemical, maritime, energy, pulp and paper and high-tech semiconductor industries.

The company will create 100 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of \$62,000 plus benefits. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 144 indirect jobs, for a total of 244 new jobs in Louisiana's Southwest Region.

"Greenberry Industrial's arrival in Louisiana reinforces our standing as a prime location for advanced manufacturing business investment," Gov. John Bel Edwards said. "This project continues Louisiana's rural revitalization by bringing an underutilized site back into commerce and creating quality jobs in the process."

Greenberry is investing \$500,000 to retrofit the facility with updated equipment. Installation is underway, and hiring is expected to commence in late March. The company anticipates site upgrades will be complete by the end of April, with commercial operations beginning soon thereafter.

"Greenberry Industrial is very excited about the expansion of our Gulf Coast operation into Jefferson Davis Parish," Greenberry CEO Jarrett Pugh said. "We look forward to partnering with the community in growing our business, while investing in the Jennings site and hiring new Greenberry employees from the local area."

Headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, Greenberry is a wholly owned subsidiary of Issaquah, Washington-based NAES Corporation, a service provider for the broader energy industry. It has other facilities in Washington, Oregon, Montana, California and North Carolina.

Greenberry is expected to utilize the state's Quality Jobs program.

"Finding a tenant for the shipyard, getting the facility back into commerce, and bringing back quality, high-paying jobs to our parish has been one of my primary goals," said Creed Romano, President and CEO of Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development. "We are fortunate to have Greenberry as a new corporate citizen in Jeff Davis and look forward to making them feel welcome in our community and working with them to ensure many years of success. We also thank our partners at Louisiana Economic Development for their assistance with this project. This is a great win for Jeff Davis Parish, our state, and Southwest Louisiana."

"The Jeff Davis Police Jury is excited to welcome Greenberry Industrial to our parish," said Jeff Davis Police Jury President Steve Eastman. "Their arrival will bring life back to the old shipyard which was a major employer in the

parish since the mid 1950's. Creating 100 new permanent full-time jobs will boost the local economy and open employment opportunities for the citizens of the parish. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with this company. We want to thank Creed Romano and his staff as well as Louisiana Economic Development for their work in bringing Greenberry to our parish."

Ronnie Petree, Chairman of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Board, said, "We want to welcome Greenberry Industrial to our parish. The reopening of one of our great industrial sites, which for years has been a major employer for our area is certainly fantastic for our parish, region, and state. I want to thank Creed Romano and his team for taking the initiative to find a tenant for the shipyard and working with Greenberry to locate here. Job well done, and we can't wait to welcome them to our community and see the facility begin operations."

"We are excited that Greenberry Industrial will become a part of the fabric of our community," Jennings Mayor Henry Guinn said. "We know Greenberry will be an asset to our city and look forward to a long and prosperous relationship."

About Greenberry Industrial

Greenberry Industrial, LLC, is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington. Greenberry is an award-winning national industrial contractor and fabricator with over 47 years of experience serving the petrochemical, oil and gas, industrial manufacturing, federal, nuclear, pulp & paper, power generation, renewable energy, and high-tech semiconductor industries. Greenberry has six U.S. regional offices in Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, Montana, California, and North Carolina. For more information, visit greenberry.com

About LED

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