

# Company to expand, create 19 new jobs

From staff reports

CONOVER — Dalco Nonwovens, a manufacturer of textiles for the geotechnical, automotive, industrial and agricultural markets, will expand, adding 19 jobs and investing \$9 million in the next three years.

The company, which has a manufacturing plant in Conover that employs 33 workers, plans to construct 55,000 square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space and invest \$9 million in construction, building up-fit and equipment.

While the salaries will vary from position to position, the average wage of the facility, in-

cluding the 19 new positions, will exceed the average Catawba County wage of \$658 per week or \$34,216 annually.

"Dalco Nonwovens is thankful to have the opportunity to grow in our community of Conover," said Mark Evans, company president.

"We want to thank all of our dedicated employees for their contributions to our success. Our employees, along with the city of Conover, Catawba County and the Catawba County EDC, have been extremely supportive of Dalco Nonwovens since we opened the doors in 2004."

Kitty Barnes, chairwoman of the Catawba County Board of

Commissioners, welcomed the announcement.

"The textile industry has had an important role in Catawba County's history, and the technology and diversification that Dalco Nonwovens brings to the industry will further strengthen its role in our future," Barnes said.

Conover Mayor Lee Moritz Jr. said the company is a fantastic corporate citizen.

"It has been exciting to watch their growth since inception in 2004," Moritz said.

"The Evans family have created a proven business model. We wish them nothing but continued success and appreciate their

partnership making Conover a great place to live and work."

Tony Rose, chairman of the Catawba County Economic Development Corp. board, said it is always encouraging to see a homegrown company like Dalco Nonwovens grow and provide additional jobs.

"We are committed to helping our existing industries thrive and will continue to be fully supportive of their efforts to grow," Rose said.

Hiring for the positions is expected to begin in 2012. People wishing to apply for employment should apply in person at the Conover facility at 2050 Evergreen Drive, NE.