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Local Company Adds Jobs

After the recent consolidation of its national operations, Smithson of Southern Pines, Inc. has added 12 new full-time positions at its local facility. The company has combined its Stover, Missouri facility with the Southern Pines location in an effort to eliminate redundancies in production.

Smithson, Inc. was founded in 1948 and has operated in Moore County since 1957, when company founder, Lee Smithson, moved his family from Missouri to Southern Pines. The company manufactures custom bedding, window treatments and other custom soft goods for the interior design industry. The company has a national customer base, but also serves most of the interior decorators in the Sandhills area.

Company President Chris Smithson, grandson of Lee Smithson, said that the decision to close the Missouri facility was difficult, but interested employees from the Missouri facility were offered employment and moving assistance to Southern Pines.

“Due to market changes and the additional overhead of operating two facilities, we felt that to ensure our long-term viability, we needed to move the Missouri facility’s production to Southern Pines,” Smithson said. “As a result of the increased production in Southern Pines, we have been able to hire additional full-time employees and convert several part-time positions into full-time.”

Smithson added, “These changes will help ensure that our employees here have more consistent and stable employment.”

Smithson said that although the company still has to fully evaluate these recent changes, he does anticipate additional employment opportunities in the near future. Plans to expand the window treatment department later this year should also create several new positions.

For more information about Smithson, Inc. and its custom quilting and sewing services, visit www.smithsoninc.com.