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# Old Florence Maytag facility ready for new tenant

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FLORENCE — The Florence Industrial Center, located at the former Maytag facility in Florence, is officially open and ready for its first tenant or buyer.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Mike Racine, asset manager for Hackman Capital Partners; Tom Marschel, president of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce; and other chamber members took a brief tour of the 422,000-square-foot, class-A industrial building.

During the tour, Racine highlighted the 30- to 43-foot ceilings, the heavy power, the abundant loading areas, outside free-standing storage and 39,625 square feet of office space.

Racine said Hackman Capital has really have high expectations for the facility and that it was an ideal space for both a distribution and manufacturing company.

“We saw the potential of the property, the community, the location and the county,” Racine said. “This is a quality investment and we want to be a part of it.

“We really like the community and we want to contribute to its health and well-being,” he said.

The building — which is adjacent to Interstate 95 and about four miles from Interstate 20 — was purchased by an affiliate with the private real estate investment firm Hackman Capital Partners in December 2006.

The property includes a 49-acre lot and 35 adjacent acres of vacant, interstate frontage land.

One of the benefits of a building like the industrial center, Marschel said, is that it’s ready to go for use.

“So often in industrial development they talk about a shovel-ready site,” Marschel said. “This was shovel-ready a long time ago and it is now fully operational with an office, a warehouse, (and) a distribution area.

“It’s adjacent to (Interstate) 95, so it’s a very developable piece of property,” he said. “And ultimately we’re talking about bringing new industry and new jobs.”

For more information about leasing or purchasing space in the facility, call Racine at (843) 679-0273; Shaun Kirchin, a broker with Binswanger, at (704) 972-8031; or visit the Web site, <http://www.florenceindustrialcenter.com>.

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