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Kemira Makes Significant Investment in Mobile Facility

- \$70.8 million investment
- 20 new jobs, an increase of 32 percent of current employment

[Mobile, Ala., 02.08.2019] Kemira announced this morning it is investing \$70.8 million in its Mobile facility. The company is a leading global polymer producer serving the pulp and paper, oil and gas, and water treatment industries. The project will create an additional 20 jobs, growing Kemira's workforce by 32 percent, to handle new process operations, increased logistics and the support functions at the site.

The Kemira logo is the word "Kemira" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Richard Ryder, Kemira's Mobile plant manager, said construction will begin this year and be operational in 2021. "We are expanding on our current footprint and will significantly increase production to meet our customers demand in the oil and gas industry."

The existing site first opened in 1938, initially focused on the area's lumber and pulp and paper businesses. Over time, the site began serving the wider industrial water treatment industry and more recently the oil and gas industry. Kemira, uses chemistry to add optimal quality, functionality and strength to paper and board products, ensure the safety and hygiene of water and food packaging, and maximize yield from energy resources. Mobile is one of three Kemira facilities in the U.S. with the others in Columbus, Ga., and Aberdeen, Miss.

Kemira's parent company, Kemira Oyj, is based in Helsinki, Finland with its Americas headquarters in Atlanta.

"There has been significant growth in the area's manufacturing and chemical sectors, whose companies historically, and continue to provide high-paying jobs for our community. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for Kemira as they continue to excel in Mobile," said **Shelby Glover**, the Mobile Area Chamber's senior project manager of economic development.

“This expansion by Kemira is about more than just jobs – it’s about a global company reinvesting in our city and renewing a relationship that dates back more than 80 years. When existing businesses are thriving in combination with new jobs and investment, that’s a winning formula,” said City of Mobile Mayor **Sandy Stimpson**.

“We are very excited about Kemira’s decision to expand operations in Mobile County to meet customer demand. Their additional \$70 million capital investment and 20 jobs further demonstrates Mobile’s growing attraction for foreign direct investment,” said Mobile County Commission President **Connie Hudson**.

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About Kemira

Kemira is a global chemicals company serving customers in water intensive industries. We provide best suited products and expertise to improve our customers’ product quality, process and resource efficiency. Our focus is on pulp & paper, oil & gas and water treatment. In 2018, Kemira had annual revenue of around EUR 2.6 billion and 4,915 employees. Kemira shares are listed on the Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd. www.kemira.com

About the Mobile Area Chamber's Economic Development Efforts

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with more than 1,800 members, and the economic developer of record for the city of Mobile and Mobile County. Thanks to the support of the Chamber's Partners for Growth public and private investors, over the last decade Mobile's economic development efforts created 10,704 new jobs and retained 541 more. Capital investments topped \$3.8 billion, including 28 new businesses recruited and 55 expansion projects at existing area companies. Additional information is on the Chamber’s website at www.mobilechamber.com, Facebook @MobileChamber, Twitter and YouTube at @MobileChamber, Instagram @Mobile_Area_Chamber and LinkedIn @Mobile Area Chamber.