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Berg Expands Local Facility

- Another manufacturer expands local operations
- Berg is the fifth company to announce an expansion in 2020
- Company CEO says "Mobile checks all the boxes"

[Mobile, Ala., 09.23.2020] Another economic development project led by the Mobile Area Chamber straddled 2019 and 2020. Berg Pipe announced a \$15 million expansion that will also create several new jobs.

“Mobile checks all the boxes,” says **Ingo Riemer**, Berg’s president and CEO, referring to the region’s logistics including class 1 railways, the deepwater port and I-10. “The mill is very successful, and we needed more space to increase capacity.”

The company manufactures large-diameter steel pipe used to transport natural gas and oil, primarily in North America.

Berg is the fifth company expansion the Mobile Area Chamber announced this year as a result of its economic development efforts – SpillTech, Jones Welding, AM/NS Calvert and Berg. **David Rodgers**, the Chamber’s vice president of economic development, says, “The confidence these companies have in Mobile speaks volumes to others looking to locate or expand.”

As industry standards are updated, companies are replacing old pipe with newer technology, Riemer explains, thus creating the demand. This is the first major expansion since the company began operations at the former International Paper site in 2009, just north of the Port of Mobile.



When the Chamber announced the initial \$75 million investment, Berg committed to hiring 100 people. Approximately 200 permanent positions and 100 contract workers are currently employed at the site. The expansion will add capacity, increase research and development and preserve current jobs, according to Riemer.

In related news, the Mobile facility announced last month it will produce pipe for the Keystone XL pipeline under construction – a huge project win for Berg. Once complete, the pipeline will carry 830,000 barrels of crude oil daily from Alberta, Canada, to Steel City, Neb.

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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, from 2010 to date Mobile's economic development efforts created 8,788 new jobs and retained 541 more. Capital investments topped \$4.4 billion, including 31 new businesses recruited and 56 expansion projects at existing area companies. Additional information is on the Chamber's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).