

Fitesa Invests in the Future of Nonwovens in the US

State-of-the-art capacity to be added in Simpsonville (SC)

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Fitesa announced today the investment in a new state-of-the art Reicofil 5 for its site in Simpsonville, South Carolina, planned to start-up in the second half of 2022. The new machine is described as one-of-a-kind due to the unique versatility in producing differentiated materials for a wide range of applications and markets. One key feature is the capacity to convert bio and circular polymers into high quality and high productivity spunbond nonwovens.

"Fitesa is once again 'walking the talk' by heavily investing to support our customers' growth with additional capacity and innovative technological capabilities", says Ricardo Fasolo, Fitesa's Vice President for the United States and Canada. "This machine will be able to produce some of the world's most advanced nonwovens at commercial scale, with a keen focus on sustainability and circularity".

The Simpsonville facility hasn't been a stranger to expansion. Since 2011, more than 80,000 MT of capacity have been installed with 138 jobs created. Most recently, Fitesa started one meltblown line to supply nonwovens for the production of face masks and respirators.

About Fitesa: Fitesa is one of the world's largest nonwovens and films manufacturers that specializes in the development of innovative solutions for the hygiene and healthcare markets by utilizing a broad range of technologies, including spunbond, spunmelt, meltblown, carded, airlaid, films and elastics. Headquartered in Porto Alegre, Brazil, Fitesa employs over 2,500 people in 23 manufacturing locations across 13 countries: Brazil, China, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, Thailand, UAE and USA. For more information about Fitesa and its products, visit www.fitesa.com.

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