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## **Elanco Announces Major Capital Expansion at Augusta Technology Center**

Elanco, the animal health division of Eli Lilly and Company, announced today a \$100,000,000 investment in infrastructure and manufacturing enhancements at the Augusta Technology Center, creating 100 new jobs over the next three years. Improvements are already underway at the site.

The plant is currently operating near maximum capacity, prompting Elanco to invest in the capital expansion necessary to meet customers' growing demand. More than 250 people are currently employed at Elanco's manufacturing facility in Augusta, producing animal health products used by farmers around the globe. Elanco anticipates that the number of new jobs ultimately created as a result of the expansion will be contingent on new market approvals for Elanco products.

The Augusta plant and its employees play an important role at Elanco and for the company's customers. VP of Manufacturing at Elanco, Steve Jenison, said, "An investment of this size is a testament to the performance of our operations in Augusta. We have every confidence in our employees at the site and the value our products bring to our customers."

General Manager at the Augusta Technology Center, Kevin Trivett, said being located in Augusta is an asset to the company's operations, saying "We feel very fortunate to have partnered with a community whose workforce is highly skilled, engaged and committed to our vision of meeting a global demand for more of our animal health products."

Henry Ingram, Chairman of the Augusta Economic Development Authority, said, "The investment of \$100,000,000 is significant for our community and soon, more of our neighbors will be employed, thanks to Elanco's investment in Augusta."

Mayor Deke Copenhaver also commended the company's decision to expand its presence in Augusta. "With their yearly efforts to help break the cycle of hunger locally as well as in 100 other communities worldwide, Elanco is a fine example of what it means to be a community partner. I would like to personally thank the Elanco team for this investment and for all that the company does to help make our city a great place."

As an OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Star" worksite, the Augusta Technology Center is recognized for its comprehensive safety and health management programs. From a community reinvestment perspective, Elanco provides opportunities for employees to volunteer in the community and supports local sustainability initiatives. The Augusta Technology Center has implemented wildlife habitat initiatives at the site as well as at a farm owned by the company in Burke County. The site donates food and a portion of the crop proceeds to benefit local and global food relief agencies. Expansion efforts at the Augusta Technology Center began this fall, with a groundbreaking dedication for employees and company officials at the site. The company expects the facility to be fully operational by 2017.

**About Elanco**

Elanco is a global innovation-driven company that develops and markets products to improve animal health and food-animal production in more than 75 countries. Elanco employs approximately 3,000 people worldwide, with offices in more than 40 countries, and is a division of Eli Lilly and Company, a leading global pharmaceutical corporation. Additional information about Elanco is available at [www.elanco.com](http://www.elanco.com).

Elanco initiated a movement in the fight for food security. For more information, go to [www.ENOUGHmovement.com](http://www.ENOUGHmovement.com).

**About Eli Lilly and Company**

Lilly is a global healthcare leader that unites caring with discovery to make life better for people around the world. We were founded more than a century ago by a man committed to creating high-quality medicines that meet real needs, and today we remain true to that mission in all our work. Across the globe, Lilly employees work to discover and bring life-changing medicines to those who need them, improve the understanding and management of disease, and give back to communities through philanthropy and volunteerism. To learn more about Lilly, please visit us at [www.lilly.com](http://www.lilly.com) and <http://newsroom.lilly.com/social-channels>.

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