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**Navas Instruments, LLC, Announces New Facility in Horry County**  
*Investment expected to bring 13 new jobs to the area*

**Conway, SC** – April 14, 2009 – The Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation announces that Navas Instruments, LLC, will open a new facility in Horry County. The \$1.6 million capital investment is expected to generate 13 jobs for Horry County.

“We are pleased to move into our new facility here in Horry County. This area offers a reasonable cost of doing business, affordable property, and an incredible quality of life with close proximity to the beach and a great climate,” notes business owner, Jose Las Navas.

Navas Instruments, LLC, will design and manufacture Thermoanalytical Analyzers, high-tech laboratory instruments used to analyze the content and moisture and ash of a variety of products. In addition, it designs and manufactures hardness testers which are used to define the case depth of heat-treated metals. Its new 20,000 square foot facility is expected to be completed within the next 60 days.

“It’s always gratifying to see a company choose our area to locate its business. We wish Navas Instruments, LLC, much success in the future. We believe that Horry County’s business friendly environment will serve the company well,” said Hugh Owens, President and CEO of the Myrtle Beach Regional EDC.

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The MBREDC is a public-private partnership that works closely with new and existing industry, site selectors and economic development professionals to promote economic growth in Horry County. Since 2006, it has worked to recruit 515 jobs and \$50.6 million in capital investments. Serving on the Executive Committee are Jimmy Yahnis, Mike Brown, Franklin Daniels, Richard Singleton, John Laymon, Carl Schwartzkopf, Dodd Smith, Neyle Wilson and Adam Parness. For more information visit our web site at [www.mbredc.org](http://www.mbredc.org).