



New-Indy Catawba hosted area business leaders on Wednesday, Feb. 16 to educate them about operations and its importance to the regional economy. Among area leaders visiting the site were David Swenson, executive director, York County Economic Development; Stacey Moore, president, York Technical College; Dean Faile, president, York County Regional Chamber; Will Frierson director of government affairs, SC Chamber of Commerce; and Sarah Hazzard, president/CEO, SC Manufacturing Alliance.

U.S. Congressman Ralph Norman (R-SC) also visited the facility along with David O’Neal, district director for Congressman Norman.

Tony Hobson, a senior executive at New-Indy, described how more than \$600 million was invested to acquire and convert the mill to produce linerboard for packaging, a product in high demand domestically and abroad. The conversion likely saved the facility from being shuttered and preserved more than 400 jobs. Hobson said the New-Indy Catawba mill today accounts for more than \$300 million in total economic impact annually, including supporting jobs, services and products from area vendors and suppliers.

A highlight of the tour was watching New-Indy Catawba's giant yellow crane unloading 25-ton truckloads of timber for processing into linerboard. The mill receives 450 trucks daily sourced from large landowners within a 60-mile radius of the site.



Local business leaders toured the New-Indy Catawba facility on Wednesday, Feb. 16, led by Senior Vice President Tony Hobson (center).



The tour of the facility included stops at the wood yard, Aeration Stabilization Basin, Equalization Stabilization Basin, pulp mill and the mill floor/paper machine (pictured).