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FGP INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM

Greenville, SC – In response to the increased manufacturing downsizing, FGP has a new business line in Career Transition, traditionally called outplacement. Encouraged by current client demand, this launch coupled with existing professional recruitment and staffing divisions completes the company's ability to comprehensively partner in clients' success.

When companies find themselves faced with strategic downsizing, layoffs or total plant closures, FGP Career Transition Program provides valuable resources to the company and its associates. The downsizing company benefits by maintaining positive reputation for demonstrating concern and providing service to displaced employees. The employees can also keep a higher morale by having resources available to them at a difficult time.

FGP provides programs for all levels of employees, from hourly to executive. The company believes that everyone in an organization, no matter their title, deserves to have a program tailored to their needs. In addition to a personalized program, FGP provides additional contact through a designed website for each client.

Most recently, FGP has successfully prepared individualized programs for Dunlop Sports Group Americas and WestPoint Home (formerly WestPoint Stevens) to meet their specific needs. During a plant closure for Dunlop, they opened an off-site Career Center and transitioned 300 employees, both hourly and salaried employees, into the workforce. With inter-departmental layoffs and plant closings for WestPoint, the program assists 200+ salaried employees in 8 cities in 5 states.

To direct the new business line, FGP has hired several new employees:

As program director and lead trainer, Joni Young works directly with downsized associates to meet their individual needs. She has over 10 years as a Human Resources Consultant. Young's major accomplishments include managing large-scale career transition projects with international and national-level corporations Proctor & Gamble, NutraSweet, BOSCH, Vickers Hydraulics and Thermal Ceramics.

Michelle McDonald leads the sales force for incoming projects, in which she develops and maintains client relationships nationwide. Before FGP, McDonald worked with a national finance company where she was responsible for the recruitment of peers in the use of her company's services.

Danielle Pereira coordinates training and communication for all active programs. She works with clients and associates to organize training programs, manage career centers, and assist in job searches.

With offices in Greenville and Columbia, SC, FGP International finds great people for specialized positions. Internationally, the professional recruiting division focuses in IT, Retail, Manufacturing/Engineering, Health Care/Medical Field, Accounting and Finance industries. In South Carolina, the professional staffing division works in IT, Accounting/Finance and Office Support. The Career Transition division focuses on all levels of displaced associates, from hourly to executive.