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SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — An electric car manufacturing company is delaying production at a new South Carolina plant until at least Christmas.

The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reported Monday that CC&T Southeast expects production at its plant in Duncan to start in four to six months.

The company had hoped to begin assembly this month.

The \$21 million joint venture between CT&T and 2AM Group of Duncan is expected to create up to 370 jobs over the next five years.

Spokesman Curt Westlake says the delay comes as the company focuses on developing a regional dealer network to sell its cars. The first dealer will be in Fountain Inn.

The company has not yet hired workers for its first production line, but local officials offering tax incentives say they're not worried by the delay.

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