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President Container Breaks Ground On \$40M Expansion

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Middletown, New York based President Container Group (PCG), a leading Northeast manufacturer of corrugated containers and point-of-purchase displays, broke ground on a \$40 million expansion of its already immense super plant on Wednesday, April 21st. The investment is expected to create 50 additional jobs upon the project's completion in December 2021.



Owners and employees of President Container Group (PCG), along with public officials and community business leaders, 'broke ground' on the company's \$40 million expansion in Middletown, New York.

Mask-wearing and social-distancing protocols were observed during the outdoor ceremony, a dedication to safety that mirrors PCG's stringent cleaning and sanitization procedures at the super plant.

The 100,000-square-foot expansion will house PCG's second state-of-the-art Fosber corrugator, plus additional converting equipment and conveyors. This will result in a significant increase in the company's manufacturing capacity and will enhance the overall quality of service to its valued customers.

Upon its completion, the expanded super plant will be 622,000-square-feet, making it one of the largest corrugated manufacturing plants in North America.

PCG was designated as an essential manufacturer by the federal Department of Homeland Security and the State of New York. Its manufacturing supercenter at 290 Ballard Road has been operating at full

speed, 24 hours a day, before and during the entirety of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Larry Grossbard, Co-President of President Container Group said the project was undertaken due to the increase in the incredible demand for its products, as well as President Container's commitment to the future growth of the company.



Larry Grossbard

"We are extremely proud to break ground on our 100,000-square-foot expansion at our state-of-the-art super plant in Wallkill," said Grossbard. "Our theme is "Manufacturing For The Next Generation" and we are proud to be part of this community. We are extremely grateful for all of our essential partners. Our deep thanks goes out to those great teams for being accessible and helpful. We appreciate everyone's support and expertise every day. It's great to run a business in this community when you have this level of support."

Richard Goldberg, PCG's VP of Operations, echoed Grossbard's sentiments, especially when it came to acknowledging the commitment shown by the Town of Wallkill. Many of the same people that were involved with the construction of PCG's 522,000-square-foot facility in 2008 were also involved in this latest expansion.

"The support and teamwork of everyone involved with this project has been nothing less than outstanding every step of the way," said Goldberg. "This will be a world class facility and something that we and everyone in the community will be proud of."

Trailer trucks with machinery for the expansion were rumbling through the parking lot during the celebration. The Fosber corrugator will arrive in October and Goldberg promised PCG would start making boxes in January of 2022.

Numerous public officials lauded President Container Group's investment and commitment to the region.

Eric Gertler, Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate, said, "The ex-



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pansion of PCG's manufacturing facility in Orange County represents a \$40 million investment in the region and will ensure that job retention and creation in the region are maintained in the manufacturing sector, which is an integral part of the region's economic strategy."

U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer noted President Container Group's vital contributions while praising the company's expansion. "We should all be very proud that one of the

nation's leading manufacturers of the packaging we see and use every day is operating and expanding in Orange County," he said.

Maureen Halahan, President and CEO of the Orange County Partnership, was one of several key partners in helping the project become reality. "Having participated in the initial discussions about this expansion with the President Container team, I am especially proud to see this project move forward," she said. "When construction



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is completed at the end of this year, we'll have another shining example of the collaborative, visionary work being done in Orange County."

President Container Group prides itself on sustainability, recycling and other efficiencies that preserve natural resources – all while producing clean, safe products relied upon by some of the most well-known brands and corporations across the nation.