

# Consumer products maker breaks ground in Tooele

Reckitt Benckiser, a United Kingdom-based manufacturer of consumer products such as Lysol, Woolite, Electrasol and French's Mustard, broke ground last week for a \$35 million, 600,000 square foot facility in Tooele County that is expected to open in the first quarter of 2010 and employ more than 100.

"An extensive study of our supply chain determined that distribution from the Salt Lake City area will improve our financial results and also enhance service for the growing concentration of customers in the Pacific Northwest and in Western Canada," said Brad Newman, director of North America supply services for Reckitt Benckiser.

The new logistics center, the first building in Miller Motorsports Business Park, is being developed through a collaborative effort between USAA and Greenfield Builders. The building will be owned by USAA and will be leased to Reckitt Benckiser on a long-term basis. The terms of the lease agreement will remain

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The project will include a 574,106 square foot building that will consist of 16,000 square feet of office and 510,000 square feet of warehouse and custom packaging operations. The design allows for an additional 220,000 square feet of future expansion.

Last July, the state offered the company a \$1.9 million, 10-year tax credit. The firm estimates it will pay some \$49 million in wages to Utah workers during that period. The average salary will be approximately \$31,000, or 25 percent more than the Tooele County average.

The new facility will replace an existing logistics center in Phoenix that is run by a third-party. The facility will eventually assume responsibility for customers in western Canada that are currently serviced from Reckitt Benckiser's logistics center in the Milton, Canada. The transition

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will take place after the Tooele site has successfully assimilated the business from the Phoenix location. The Milton Logistics Center will remain in operation servicing eastern Canada.

Reckitt Benckiser's net revenues have doubled, and its market cap has quadrupled, since 2000. Other brands it produces include Finish, Dettol, Vanish, Calgon, Airwick, Harpic, Bang, Mortein, Veet, Nurofen, Clearasil, Strepsils Gaviscon, and Mucinex. The firm employs 23,000 people worldwide, with operations in 60 countries and sales in 180 countries.