Testing, testing! Engineering firm building new Gormley facility

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Independent third party engineering compliance testing firm Global EMC Inc. is moving to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The company is moving into a custombuilt, 23,000-square-foot facility at Woodbine Avenue and Stouffville Road in the community of Gormley.

"We want to own our own building," said company vice-president Doug McIntyre, adding it's a good location because it is close to Markham's high-tech industry and easily accessible from Hwy. 404.

Mr. McIntyre said they expect to break ground next month and hope to move in in a year-and-a-half.

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Global EMS moved to a 3,000-square-foot facility about six years ago and then to their current 9,500-square-foot location in Richmond Hill about five years ago.

The company has 17 employees, all of whom will be moving to the Whitchurch-Stouffville location, according to Mr. McIntyre.

The Gormley facility will consist of two three-metre semi-anechoic EMC chambers, one pre-compliance immunity chamber, a 10metre open area test site as well as expanded military testing.

For more information, go to www.globalemclabs.com

Meat packers expanding

With a little help from the provincial government, Newmarket Meat Packers Ltd. is expanding and creating new jobs.

Through the Ontario rural economic development program, the northern Whitchurch-Stouffville meat processing plant can go ahead with its nearly \$1-million expansion that will include a modern humane abattoir, raw pet food facility and a specially automated equipment for the company's latest project; mini kabobs.

The company will also use the grant to expand its refrigeration, storage, shipping and packaging areas.

"We couldn't keep up with demands," owner Nick D'Elia said. "This will help us get there quicker."

With expansion, the company can increase production speeds and volumes, develop new specialty meat products and source more meat from Ontario farmers.

The expansion will also create 11 new jobs in the Warden Avenue facility.

Without government funding, which will cover up to 50 per cent of the project costs, Mr. D'Elia would have delayed further development of the local plant.

"We have really tight margins," he said. "Agriculture and wholesale industries have really low margins. This is a great push."

Since 1968, the family business has been serving quality cuts of beef and pork to local grocery stores, independent butcher shops and food service operators across the province.

Now, Newmarket Meat Packers has become one of the country's largest lamb processors and the focus is on the niche market for small stock, such as sheep, veal and goat.

Each year, the company processes more than 100,000 lambs, sheep and goats and more than 12,000 calves.

The province has invested more than \$167 million for 412 projects through the program and generated more than \$1.2 billion in new economic activity.

The agri-food industry contributes more than \$33 billion to the Ontario economy with an employment base of about 700,000.

Magnum print shop sold

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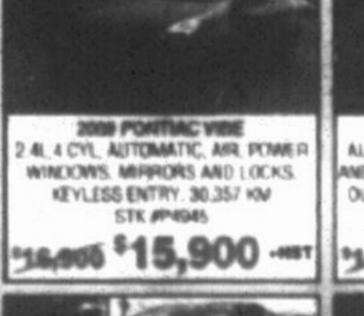
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