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Uponor Breaks Ground for New 285,000-square-foot Distribution Center in Lakeville, Minn.

On Aug. 12, Uponor, the global leader in PEX-a systems for radiant floor heating and cooling, plumbing and fire safety, broke ground in celebration of their new 285,000-square-foot distribution center, located in Lakeville, Minn., a suburb south of the Twin Cities.

The new building, which will house Uponor's primary North American distribution operations, is a build-to-suit facility leased from commercial building developer First Industrial Realty Trust, based in Chicago.

"We are very excited for the opportunities this new facility will offer us," says Anders Tollsten, executive vice president, Uponor North America. "Building this state-of-the-art facility helps us continue our strategy for enhancing our distribution network serving the North American market."



Attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 12 included Uponor North America Executive Vice President, Anders Tollsten, as well as Lakeville Mayor Holly Dahl and several key members from engineering, planning and development for the new facility.

The new facility will anchor First Industrial Realty Trust's First Park Lakeville, a 1.4-million-square-foot, master-planned industrial park located near the corner of County Road 70 and Dodd Boulevard, approximately one mile east of I-35W.



The new 285,000-square-foot facility will incorporate Uponor's radiant floor heating and cooling as well as snow and ice melting technologies in various areas in and around the building.

In accordance with Uponor's build-to-suit requirements, First Industrial is developing the building to apply for LEED® certification through innovative, energy-efficient designs. Specific areas of the building, primarily 13,000 square feet in the office area, will feature Uponor radiant floor heating and cooling as well as snow and ice melting in the sidewalks outside the office area.

"We want to make this a sustainable development," says Craig Patterson, senior development officer for First Industrial's Midwest region. "Incorporating Uponor's radiant technology in their new building helps us achieve this goal."

The new facility will be slightly larger than Uponor's current 271,000-square-foot distribution center located in Burnsville, Minn. However, the new facility will provide more storage space (about 30% more cubic volume) due to the higher interior clear height. The building will feature 25 dock doors along its east side, and its dimensions are designed to optimize Uponor's warehouse and distribution operations.

"This new facility provides several benefits for our operations from a logistical standpoint," says Dan Hughes, Uponor's real estate and

development manager. "It is designed to be more operationally efficient and offers our employees, customers and business partners convenient access from freeways as well as our corporate headquarters in Apple Valley."

The facility's completion date is set for March 2009, with occupancy in early April.

"We are so delighted to have Uponor in our city," says Lakeville Mayor Holly Dahl. "We're looking forward to the the jobs and opportunity this new facility will bring, as well as a strong corporate partnership with a reputable company such as Uponor."

Uponor Corporation is a leading supplier of PEX-a plumbing, fire safety and radiant heating and cooling systems for the residential and commercial building markets across North America and Europe. Uponor Corporation employs 4,700 people globally and is listed on the OMX Nordic Exchange in Helsinki, Finland.

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