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Linda's baby shower. 12/1/17



Helena Industries rewarded for energy efficiency

Company receives over \$20,000 in incentives from CenterPoint Energy

Special to The Helena World

On Nov. 7, representatives of Helena Industries were on hand at their manufacturing facility in Helena to receive a \$22,932 incentive check from CenterPoint Energy's Commercial and Industrial Solutions Program, which helps customers save energy and money by operating more efficiently. Helena Industries was able to replace steam traps, repair steam piping, and better insulate piping in their facility with the incentives provided from CenterPoint Energy.

Helena Industries is a chemical toll manufacturer whose process tech-

nologies include wettable powder milling of pesticides, liquid/solutions manufacturing and formulating, as well as low and high powered emulsification. The company provides solutions in agriculture, lawn and garden, and industrial chemicals.

Earlier this year, representatives from CenterPoint Energy's Commercial and Industrial Solutions Program audited the facility and suggested the steam system upgrades. The company was able to receive the incentives from CenterPoint Energy by implementing the recommendations suggested in the audit. These upgrades will save the company

approximately \$15,000 per year in fuel costs.

The company is planning to add two additional chemical compounding processes that will require additional steam power in the future. The planned expansion will require an extension of the existing steam piping to where the two new processes will be located. The completed projects will help bring the existing steam distribution piping efficiency back up to where it should be in anticipation of the new expansion.

"As we prepare for expanding production, we

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Representatives of Helena Industries accept a \$22,932 incentive check from CenterPoint Energy's Commercial and Industrial Solutions Program. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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wanted to make sure our steam system, which is vital to our plant's operation, is running efficiently," noted Helena Industries Plant Manager, Jason Fitts. "Once the energy assessment helped identify improvements to our existing system, we began working with our contractor to implement the suggested improvements. We appreciate CenterPoint Energy working with us by not only providing financial incentives, but also providing an avenue for us to save energy and money for years to come. That is an invaluable asset to our company, and we look forward to continuing to work with them."

The payback period of the company's investment will be less than 2 years. The combined repairs and improvements will result in 25,480 CCF of natural gas savings per year, which is the equivalent of preventing the annual carbon dioxide emissions from more than 15,201 gallons of

gasoline, according to Environmental Protection Agency calculations.

"CenterPoint Energy is committed to saving our customers both energy and money," says Lance Orion, Energy Efficiency Consultant for CenterPoint Energy. "We appreciate the opportunity to work with Helena Industries to identify and implement opportunities for them to improve their facility in Helena, and we were pleased to present them with the incentive money to assist in upgrading that facility."

The CenterPoint Energy Commercial & Industrial Solutions Program helps customers save energy and money by providing no-cost facility improvement recommendations and financial incentives based on the total amount of energy saved by those improvements.

To learn more about the program and the incentives and rebates available to CenterPoint Energy commercial customers, please visit the website <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/AR-CustomSolutions>.

Halloween Fun at the Cordele Plant - 10/31/2017



June 1, 2017-

The Helena Industries team in Des Moines was honored with a visit from U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (RIA), Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey and their staffs to discuss Helena operations and our role in the community. Introductions were followed by an overview of our facility, a background on Helena Chemical Company and Helena Industries in Iowa, a tour of the grounds/facilities and introductions to local employees.





Crisp County High School

CCHS Work Based Learning program provided 25 students and 4 teachers an opportunity to learn more about operations and employment opportunities at Helena Chemical. Before the end of the day, two CCHS students had submitted resumes while several others began the process of updating resumes to be submitted. A big thank you to Bill Hulett, Supply Chain Manager, and Josh Branch, Operations Manager, for organizing and hosting the tour. CCHS Cougars are Career Ready!

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Helena Industries, Inc. - Cordele Manufacturing – New Warehouse Project



New 180,000 Square foot warehouse Ribbon Cutting-Tuesday, October 25 at 9:00 AM

Helena Industries Inc. (HII) provides toll manufacturing and supply chain solutions to corporations of well-known brands in the agricultural, lawn & garden and industrial chemical industries worldwide. As a wholly owned subsidiary of the Helena Chemical Company (HCC), HII formulates and packages these chemicals on a contract basis. Helena Proprietary Products make up 45% of HII's toll business with 55% of coming from 45 other toll customers.

HII has historically experienced steady growth, and most recently, a rapidly increasing demand for their services. This growing demand is being met with a combination of strategic capital investments to increase capacity, lengthen the production season, and facilitate internal efficiency improvements.

Since 2010, the Cordele plant has sustained significant growth prompting the need for additional storage of raw materials and finished products for HCC and our toll customers. Eighty seven percent of the toll business at the Cordele plant comes from companies other than HCC. Most of these use some amount of imported materials and many of the finished goods produced here are exported. Cordele's expertise in this area and it's close proximity to ports, especially Savannah, make it an ideal location for this type of work. Cordele also produces an abundance of package goods with millions of containers filled there each year. With this plant's position in our customers' global supply chain and the high amount of packaged goods, there was a need to expand on site storage. In 2015, HII began a project to construct a new 180,000 ft² warehouse which has nearly doubled the 200,000 ft² of warehouse space previously at the site.

Now that this project is complete, HII can offer more warehousing options to our customers. We will be able to hold their materials coming in from port until required for formulation and/or packaging. As a result, our customers save the additional cost and time of shipping materials to other storage options out of our region and back to Cordele when needed. HII will also be able to hold finished goods at the point of manufacture to avoid shipping them to other regions around the country or warehouses near ports. This saves our customers time and money by holding product at the source of manufacturing until constantly changing market demands are evaluated. These options should reduce transportation costs and overall inventory levels for our customers. We are very excited about this new expansion of service that will simplify our customers' supply chains and reduce their costs while also increasing our profits. We are delighted to again be expanding on our 200 acre site in Cordele, Georgia. This will take HII's operation in Cordele to over 510,000 ft² under roof with 26 total buildings and allow us to add 6-10 new jobs over the next 3-5 years.

HCC also operates the Cordele Fertilizer Terminal and the Cordele Sales retail facility adjacent to the HII site in Cordele. Helena Chemical Company and Helena Industries, Inc. are proud to have been a part of southwest Georgia since we began operations in Cordele in 1968. We are looking forward to many more years of continued growth and partnerships in the communities in which we operate.

Ribbon Cutting Location: Helena Industries, Inc. ●434 Fenn Road ●Cordele, Georgia 31015●229-273-6243
South Georgia Technical College nominates Helena Industries as Small Manufacturer of Year



April 2016 – “Helena Industries in Crisp County was selected by South Georgia Technical College to be recognized at the 2016 Georgia Manufacturing Appreciation Week Manufacturers of the Year Governor’s Award Luncheon at the Georgia International Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia, recently. They were among an elite group of the top manufacturers in Georgia.

Governor Nathan Deal was the keynote speaker at the luncheon and Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Gretchen Corbin introduced the Governor and spoke to the top manufacturing leaders at that meeting about the value of a technical college education.

“The manufacturing arena is one that we take great pride in because it is one of those sustained elements of a state’s and nation’s economy, said Governor Deal. “I would like to offer my congratulations to all of you who are here today because you are an important part of Georgia’s economy. We thank you for what you do for our state and our citizens,” said Governor Deal.

Helena Industries was nominated as a Small Manufacturer of the Year for 2016. A small manufacturer is a business with less than 150 employees.

“We are pleased to have Helena Industries in our six county service area and we appreciate the value that they bring to our communities,” said South Georgia Technical College President Dr. John Watford. “It was our pleasure to nominate Helena as a Small Manufacturer of the Year in Georgia.”

Dr. Watford also added that, “Scott Braswell and his team as well as their employees are assets to our community. We salute this company and the individuals who oversee these operations for their entrepreneurial spirit. We are proud to partner with them on various training and educational opportunities. The economic impact that this company provides to our area is tremendous and we appreciate them for their contribution to the economic development of this region as well as to Georgia and the surrounding states.”

Helena Industries is driven by integrity and is committed to enhancing people’s lives. From agricultural chemicals that help expand the world’s food supply to industrial chemicals that make modern products possible, to lawn and garden formulations that help beautify home and professional environments, Helena Industries is dedicated to making the world a better place.

They are committed to producing beneficial chemicals while strongly protecting the environment, the general health of their employees and the greater community. By working together and in partnership with customers, the people of Helena Industries are using science to improve lives.

Scott Braswell, Plant Manager from Helena Industries as well as Josh Branch, Operations Manager, and Katrina Helms, Financial Accounting Manager, from Helena Industries attended the Georgia Manufacturing Appreciation Week luncheon with South Georgia Technical College President Dr. John Watford, SGTC Vice President of Administrative Services Janice Davis, SGTC Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs David Kuipers, SGTC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Su Ann Bird, Director of Business/Industry Services Michelle Sealy and Bob Stinchcum and Tami Blount from the SGTC Economic Development Services department as well as SGTC’s John Wilder and Kevin Beaver. Also attending were Grant Buckley, Executive Director of the Cordele-

Crisp IDC/IDA and Ron Cruz, Chairperson of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce and Christy Bozeman, Economic Development Coordinator of the Cordele-Crisp IDC/IDA.

Representatives from TCI Powder Coating, Inc. in Ellaville and Americus and Container Marketing, Inc. in Americus and other Americus officials were also the guests of SGTC at the luncheon. Both TCI Powder Coating, Inc., and Container Marketing, Inc., were nominated as Medium Manufacturers of the Year from the Sumter and Schley County regions of SGTC's six-county service area.

Each of the manufacturers nominated were spotlighted in the 2016 Georgia Manufacturing Appreciation Week program agenda and on a big screen video display. The co-hosts of the MAW luncheon were the Technical College System of Georgia and the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Sponsors of the event included: Batson-Cook Construction, Georgia Association of Manufacturers, the Georgia Chamber, Georgia Power, Georgia Tech Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and HA&W- Certified Public Accountants.”