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Coronavirus Shakes Construction and Manufacturing Sectors

Even before the coronavirus outbreak began to spread throughout the U.S. last month, the country’s manufacturing and construction sectors were already beginning to feel its effects. According to Reuters, U.S. factory manufacturing slowed in February, responding to supply chain disruptions, and early projections for construction in 2020 have been adjusted downward.

Hartung Acquires NWI Seattle Operation; Glasswerks Retains NWI Yuma, Arizona

Hartung Glass Industries acquired



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100 percent of the assets of the Seattle location of Northwestern Industries from South Gate, California-based Glasswerks. Glasswerks announced the acquisition of NWI in early January, and Northwestern Industries Arizona, located in Yuma, Arizona, will remain as a division of Glasswerks.

Under the terms of the agreement, NWI Seattle will continue to operate from its current location and facility for up to another 12 months beyond the previously announced timeline of February 2020.

“While our primary interest in this acquisition was the Yuma, Arizona, operations, we wanted to find a solution that allowed for a seamless transition



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that kept everyone employed, including the Northwestern Industries Seattle facility,” says Randy Steinberg, president, Glasswerks. “We’ve accomplished this through this agreement with Hartung. Hartung is a great industry partner and Northwestern Industries Seattle is in great hands as Glasswerks can now focus attention and resources in growing Northwestern Industries Arizona’s

capabilities and position in Southern California, Arizona, Texas, Utah, Colorado and Nevada markets.”

Southern Wholesale Glass Expands

Southern Wholesale Glass expanded its facilities in Americus, Georgia, to support the growing demand of the company’s products and services throughout the southeastern U.S.

The multimillion-dollar expansion project will include the addition of 20,000 square feet of manufacturing space along with a truck and parts shop. This new space will be equipped with a second tempering line that features a state-of-the-art tempering oven. The fabrication department will grow by adding a third CNC machine and a 14-spindle glass polishing and mitering edger, an automated insulating glass sealer and automated cutting line.

Madico Celebrates Grand Opening of Manufacturing Facility in Florida

Madico, a manufacturer of materials-based solutions, opened a new 25,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Madico employs more than 200 people, with 75 new employees hired in 2019 as part of its growth initiatives. In 2017, Madico purchased the manufacturing facility in Pinellas Park, Florida, which is significantly larger than the combined former locations in St. Petersburg, Florida, and Woburn, Massachusetts. Including the acquisition of the building, Madico has invested more than \$40 million into the Florida site, say company officials.

NSG’s Solar Glass Float Furnace in Vietnam Starts Operation

NSG Group launched operations of a float furnace to produce transparent conductive oxide coated glass for solar panels, located at the company’s facility in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The previously dormant float furnace was upgraded as part of the plan announced in May 2018 to expand production capacity of TCO glass to support the growing solar market.

The restarted float furnace is one of the two lines at NSG Vietnam Glass Industries Ltd. located near Ho Chi Minh City. TCO glass production at VGI has been positioned to support a long-term supply agreement with First Solar, a provider of comprehensive photovoltaic solar systems.

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