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SARGENTO FOODS TO EXPAND KIEL FACILITY

PLYMOUTH, Wis. - April 4, 2018 – Less than 2 years after a major addition and renovation, today <u>Sargento Foods Inc.</u> announces an expansion of their Kiel facility. The construction project will add 41,500 square feet of production and warehousing space to the existing facility. In addition to the new space, 7,000 square feet will be remodeled. The planned construction will begin in early April 2018 wrapping up by the end of 2018.

"We are proud to once again be growing in Kiel. This project will support our commitment to producing safe, quality and legal products for our customers and consumers," said Louie Gentine, CEO and third generation owner of Sargento. "We keep every family in mind when making our products, including every member of the Sargento Family--our employees."

Sargento has incrementally added staff to the Kiel facility to begin training for increased production and will likely add 25-40 employees as the construction proceeds.

In addition to Kiel, Sargento Foods operates facilities in three other Wisconsin communities: Plymouth, Hilbert and Elkhart Lake.

C.D. Smith Construction based in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin has been selected as the general contractor for this project.

About Sargento Foods Inc.:

With 2,000 employees and net sales of \$1.4 billion, Sargento Foods is a family-owned company that has been a leader in cheese for more than 60 years. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Sargento created the world's first successful pre-packaged sliced and shredded natural cheeses. Today, Sargento Foods is still based in Wisconsin, where they manufacture and market amazing shredded, sliced and snack natural cheese products, as well as ingredients and sauces. Company leadership lives to serve local communities and employees, whom they lovingly refer to as the Sargento Family.

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