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Sargento Foods to Expand Kiel Facility

PLYMOUTH, Wis. – Jan. 27, 2015 – [Sargento Foods](#) CEO Louie Gentine announced today that the company is contemplating its third major expansion of 80,000 square feet to its existing production facility in Kiel, Wisconsin.

The Kiel plant opened in 1993 on a 40-acre site in Kiel Industrial Park on Hwy. 67 between AA and XX. It expanded by 40,000 square feet in 2000 and 60,000 square feet in 2007. Sargento Foods natural shredded, sliced and snack cheeses, cheese dips and battered and breaded frozen appetizers are produced at this location.

“Sargento remains steadfast in our commitment to growing in Wisconsin,” said Louie. “We look forward to the possibility of expanding our Kiel facility to add production lines and better accommodate our employees.”

The expansion would include additional space for production, storage and employee facilities, including a health and wellness center and increased locker area to accommodate up to 720 employees during the next five years. The plant currently employs 540 people.

Karl Linck, Sargento Foods Vice President – Engineering, will present the expansion plan to the Kiel Planning Commission and city council this evening. He will request a "pay as you go" tax increment financing district based on assessed value. This financial assistance is a pre-condition to moving forward with the contemplated expansion.

If approved, construction will begin during the second half of 2015 with occupancy expected by late 2016.

Sargento Foods also operates production facilities in Plymouth, Wisconsin, and Hilbert, Wisconsin, and a technical center in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Sargento Foods is a third generation, family-owned company with \$1.3 billion in net sales.

About Sargento Foods Inc.

Sargento Foods Inc. has demonstrated its passion for cheese and cheese-based meal solutions for more than 60 years. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Sargento is a leading manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded, sliced and snack cheeses, cheese appetizers, ingredients, sauces and other culinary solutions. Sargento is owned and operated by the Gentine family, and has net sales of more than \$1 billion and more than 1,700 employees. For more information, please visit www.sargento.com.

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