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additions, will make MFG Chemical a world-class custom and specialty chemical resource for a wide range of customers here in the U.S. and internationally," says Keith Arnold, president and CEO and a member of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA) Board of Governors. "Our recently upgraded Pasadena, Texas plant will now focus on meeting the needs of our oilfield customers, while our three Dalton plants will produce specialty and custom chemicals to meet the growing needs of the water treatment, coatings, agriculture, personal care, and other specialty markets."

KTA-Tator Breaks Ground on New Headquarters

KTA-Tator, Inc. recently broke ground on its new two-story, 48,000-ft² (4,459-m²) headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

salon, exercise space, a multi-function event hall, an outdoor patio, and more. Employees had significant influence on design and amenity decisions. The company's progressive approach lent itself to implementing a neighborhood layout, which groups employees together in communities based on their job roles and responsibilities.

Dan Adley, KTA-Tator CEO and member of the NACE International Board of Directors, says it is essential for the new building to support the group's cultural beliefs of co-owner engagement and teamwork. "Every KTA co-owner will share value in our new home, whether they work here or in the field," Adley says. "From its improved operational efficiencies to the amenities and perks, our headquarters will be a place everyone can be proud of and benefit from."



All employees had shovels and were honored by ceremoniously participating in the first dig. Photo courtesy of KTA.

USA. Known for its expertise in corrosion engineering, coatings, and inspection services, KTA is a fully employee-owned company celebrating 70 years of business.

The new headquarters features unique amenities of employees' choosing, such as a commercial-grade kitchen for cooking classes and fundraiser competitions, a

The new headquarters is set to be completed by the end of 2020. "It's an honor to work with a group like the one we have built here over the years," Adley says. "This new space is well-deserved and will benefit generations of hard-working individuals for years to come. I'm really looking forward to the transition into our new home next year."

Cortec Plant Achieves Minnesota Safety Milestone

Corrosion control technologies company Cortec Corp. (St. Paul, Minnesota, USA) says that its facility in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, USA, was one of 170 employers to receive the state's Meritorious Achievement Award in occupational safety during the recent Governor's Safety Awards ceremony.

"We are honored to receive this award," says Jill Pearson, safety coordinator at the White Bear Lake headquarters. "This is a huge accomplishment for us. Employees are the most important asset to our organization, and we will continue to make safety a priority for our employees."

Since 1934, the annual Governor's Safety Awards program has honored Minnesota employers who display exceptional safety performance. Applicants are judged on several years of injury data as it compares with their industry's national statistics, and on their progress in implementing a comprehensive safety program. The award goes to organizations that receive a score of 50-74 on a safety program evaluation scorecard and have an above-average DART (days away restricted transferred) rate for at least the past three years, based on industry averages.

"Every day in Minnesota, about 100 workers get injured or ill to the point that they can't go back to their job the next day," says Paul Aasen, president of the Minnesota Safety Council (St. Paul, Minnesota, USA), which coordinates the awards program. "Congratulations to Cortec for their hard work to make sure their employees are not part of this statistic." **MP**

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