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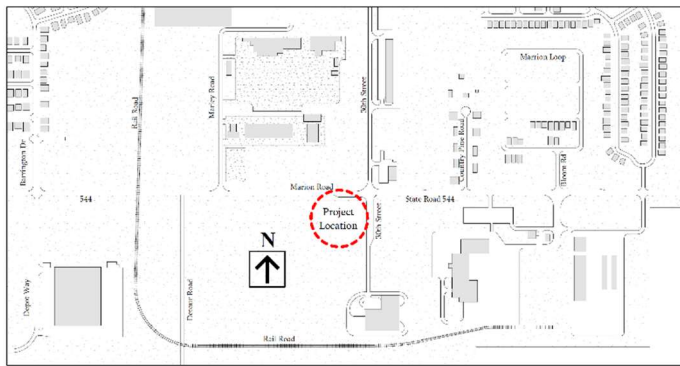
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Sika Breaks Ground on New Facility in Haines City, Florida

Haines City, FL – September 5, 2024 — The Economic Development Council of Haines City proudly announces the groundbreaking ceremony for Sika's new facility at 2501 State Route 544. This new development will be instrumental in expanding Sika's production capabilities for concrete admixtures, contributing to the growth of the local economy and supporting sustainability initiatives.



[Haines City – Sika Admixture Facility Groundbreaking 3D Rendering]



Location Map NTS

[2501 State Route 544, Haines City - Admixture Facility - Project Location]

The new facility will span approximately 29,000 sq. ft. and will bring a significant number of jobs to the area—both during construction and post-construction phases. Additionally, Sika will create eight plant and logistic jobs in Polk County. Sika's significant investment in this project marks a substantial contribution to Haines City's industrial growth. Sika is expecting to begin operations at the new facility in late 2025.

KDW, a design-build firm based in Houston, Texas, has been selected as a key partner in the construction of the facility. They will be hiring local contractors for various trades, ensuring the local community benefits directly from this development. Sika has also emphasized sustainability, with plans to reduce CO2 emissions and energy-efficient processes as part of the facility's construction and operation. This investment will not only improve finished goods logistics but also result in a significant reduction of 7,822 tons of CO2 by 2032. This initiative aligns with Sika's global commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and promoting environmentally friendly practices.

The facility will be situated in the northeast corner of the lot, at the intersection of State Road 544 and Tibbetts Blvd.

"Sika's investment in an admixture facility in Haines City further demonstrates our commitment to the concrete industry and, more importantly, to our current and future customers in Florida," said Thomas Strittmatter, Executive Vice President – Concrete, Sika.

"We are excited to see Sika expand in Haines City, bringing economic development and job opportunities while taking a step forward in sustainability," said Cyndi Jantomaso, President, Haines City Economic Development Council. "This groundbreaking marks an important milestone for our community."

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on September 5th at 10 AM at the site location. This event marked the beginning of this exciting project, attended by Haines City EDC President, Cyndi Jantomaso, EDC Board members, local and county officials, community members, and representatives from Sika.



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About Sika

Sika is a global leader in construction and building materials, providing innovative solutions to improve efficiency, sustainability, and safety in construction projects worldwide. Sika specializes in products and systems for bonding, sealing, damping, reinforcing, and protecting across a wide range of industries, and is committed to sustainability by reducing environmental impact through energy-efficient and durable solutions.

About Haines City Economic Development Council

The Haines City Economic Development Council works to support and promote business growth, workforce development, and economic prosperity in Haines City. The EDC plays a vital role in fostering strategic partnerships, encouraging investment, and facilitating sustainable growth within the community, ensuring a thriving business environment that benefits residents and businesses alike.