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Grain Millers, Inc Breaks Ground on Next Phase of Expansion

NORTH CENTRAL IOWA, *Mitchell County* – Earlier this week employees, management, representatives from the community of St. Ansgar and Mitchell County Economic Development, as well as project consultants Van Sickle, Allen & Associates, Dean Snyder Construction and Popp Excavating officially broke ground on the next phase of expansion projects at the Grain Miller's campus in St. Ansgar.

During comments made at the event, Grain Miller's President Steve Eilertson states, "The central theme of this expansion is based on our desire to operate a first class facility, one that we all will be proud to be a part of. Food Safety, site security, and a safe working environment are the top priorities of what we are kicking off today. We have many ideas for new processing activities for this site and we expect the result of our investment to be more jobs and more business which will stimulate the local economy.

Eilertson also commented about the national economy, explaining "The media has been telling us how bad things are and instilling fear into many of us regarding our future. My experience has been that more progress is made when we have to overcome tough situations and that through diligent effort, clear thinking and planning, and most importantly, a positive attitude to life, anything really is possible...and Grain Millers is a positive company. We believe in what we are doing and we will continue to move forward to be the best that we can be and we need all of you on board to help us do that. Believe in your city, your state, and your country. Move forward in your daily life with the belief and attitude that tomorrow will be a brighter day and that the best is yet to come!"

Site work on the project has already begun. This phase of expansion includes utility relocation, construction of a warehouse, maintenance facilities, and new office building.

The Mitchell County Economic Development Commission extends their thanks to the staff and elected officials of St. Ansgar for their support of this exciting expansion project. The MCEDC wishes Grain Millers much success as they begin to implement this new phase of their business operations.

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