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Meridian Design Build Completes Food Facility Expansion

Meridian Design Build has completed an 84,000 square foot facility expansion for Kerry Ingredients & Flavours at 3141 W. North Avenue in Melrose Park, IL. The scope of the design build redevelopment project included demolition of an outdated 100,000SF 2 story masonry, timber, and cast in place concrete structure.

Improvements within the new addition included insulated metal wall and ceiling panels, mechanical and lighting systems, and sanitation stations designed to meet AIB standards. A pressure controlled, demised spice warehouse was also constructed within the expansion to accommodate storage of raw materials utilized for production in this and other Kerry facilities throughout the Midwest.

Initially, renovations were planned within the existing building to accommodate a new process line, with the majority of the addition intended to serve as warehouse space. During the construction phase, Meridian helped Kerry compress the project schedule, reduce overall project costs, and minimize disruptions to their ongoing operations by suggesting that new process line be moved into the new addition. As a result of this change, the project was completed under budget and 30 days ahead of schedule.

Exterior improvements included onsite detention, 5 truck docks, silo pads, and a material unloading area with security initiatives including card readers, security cameras, fencing and motor operated sliding gates.

Ben Runkel, Project Manager and Tom McNett, Senior Superintendent coordinated the project for Meridian Design Build. Harris Architects provided architectural and structural engineering services for the project. Jacob and Hefner Associates acted as Civil Engineer.

Kerry Ingredients & Flavours is one of the leading and most technologically advanced manufacturers and innovators of application specific food and beverage ingredients in the world. Kerry has established a global processing and technical network with an ingredients and flavour portfolio extending to some 10,000 food and beverage products to food processor and foodservice markets in over 120 different countries. More information on Kerry Ingredients & Flavours can be found at www.kerry.com/americas.

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