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Meridian Design Build Commences Work on Renovation Project for Highland Baking Co.

Paul Chuma, President of Meridian Design Build LLC, is pleased to announce that the firm has begun demolition and extensive renovation work on an existing 250,000 square foot building acquired by Highland Baking Co, located at 2301 Shermer Road in Northbrook, Illinois.

The facility will replace Highland's existing facilities in Lincolnwood, Illinois. It will serve as the main production facility for all their baking, distribution, cold storage, and general administration needs. Scheduled for completion in Spring 2007, the facility is the former site of the H.J. Heinz Company.

The facility, first constructed in 1971, requires extensive selective demolition, code required upgrades, re-roofing, process floor improvements, and customized mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and process piping upgrades to accommodate the new use as a bakery. Meridian's team first surveyed the existing systems for suitability of re-use and investigated the cost and benefit of maintaining, modifying or installing new improvements. When complete, the building will include several mixing and baking lines as well as dry goods and cold storage facilities. Provisions are also being included into the design for additional production lines to be added in the future.

Highland Baking Co. is a full-service bread company that specializes in bread and bun development, frozen bread items, co-packed breads and buns and fresh route delivery in the Chicagoland area. Many of their clients include national chain restaurants, airline foodservice, large bakeries and hotels. More information on Highland Baking Co. can be seen at www.highlandbaking.com.

Larry Gamm, Project Manager and Fred Jennings, General Superintendent are handling the project for Meridian Design Build. The architect is Dobrin + Associates, Ltd.

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