

Gr8 Granite Surfaces Completes Industrial Facility Expansion to Increase Regional Stone Processing Capacity

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Gr8 Granite Surfaces commissioned a 15,000-square-foot manufacturing plant expansion on October 16, 2023, increasing processing capacity to satisfy growing Midwest commercial construction and residential remodeling demand. The capital infrastructure project integrates high-capacity automated bridge saws and closed-loop water filtration systems into daily stone fabrication operations.

The expanded infrastructure doubles the facility's overall output of natural and engineered stone components for architectural projects across the greater Chicago metropolitan area. By expanding operations for countertop fabrication in Bensenville, IL, the organization addresses regional supply chain delays that have affected commercial building contractors over the past two years.

The facility upgrade incorporates five-axis computer numerical control machining centers alongside high-efficiency industrial water reclamation equipment. The closed-loop filtration system captures, treats, and recycles up to 85 percent of operational water, significantly reducing municipal groundwater consumption during primary stone saw-cutting processes.

Data published by the National Kitchen and Bath Association indicates sustained midwestern regional demand for natural granite, marble, and quartz surfaces in residential renovations. The manufacturing facility processes raw stone slabs sourced from certified domestic and international quarries adhering to established environmental compliance standards and sustainable extraction guidelines.

The physical plant expansion creates fourteen full-time technical positions, including digital spatial mappers, automated machinery operators, material handlers, and quality control inspectors. Local workforce development agencies assisted in recruiting skilled manufacturing personnel to support the facility's expanded multi-shift operational schedule.

Integrating precision automated equipment allows the manufacturing operation to maintain tighter dimensional tolerances while accelerating project delivery timelines, stated Chief Operating Officer Marcus Vance in the release. Vance noted that industrial modernization remains essential for regional stone processors navigating updated building codes and stringent architectural specifications.

The facility utilizes laser-guided spatial measuring systems to record site dimensions before physical material cutting begins. This digital drafting workflow minimizes material scrap during automated sawing sequences and ensures proper seam placement for complex, multi-piece surface installations across residential and commercial properties.

Production workflows inside the upgraded plant conform strictly to updated Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations regarding respirable crystalline silica exposure in stone processing environments. The company's enhanced operational protocols establish rigorous workplace safety standards for countertop fabrication in Bensenville, IL, featuring continuous wet-edge cutting technology and heavy-duty air scrubbing systems.

The capital expansion also expands indoor material storage capacity, allowing the facility to house up to 500 stone slabs in a climate-controlled inventory warehouse. Overhead gantry cranes and specialized vacuum lifting systems were installed to streamline material transport between receiving docks, processing stations, and staging areas.

Quality assurance procedures within the expanded facility include hydrostatic density testing and surface sealing evaluations prior to job site transport. Technical inspectors verify edge profile accuracy, surface gloss levels, and dimensional calibration against original digital architectural blueprints.

Finished stone products processed at the facility will supply commercial general contractors, architectural firms, and multi-family housing developers across northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Freight logistics will be managed directly through the organization's centralized distribution terminal to ensure timely job site delivery.

Technical specifications, commercial project documentation, and service schedules are accessible through the company's corporate communications office. Project coordinators, commercial developers, and media representatives may direct inquiries to the administrative operations department.

About Gr8 Granite Surfaces: Gr8 Granite Surfaces is a regional stone manufacturing and distribution enterprise operating in Illinois. The organization specializes in natural stone processing, digital surface

templating, and architectural material fabrication for commercial and residential applications.

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