The Meter Setter DANUARY 2024 Breaking Ground

It was a beautiful and blustery fall day at the official groundbreaking ceremony for our new 300,000-square-foot foundry. Local officials, invited guests, and Ford's management team gathered to celebrate the beginning of an unprecedented business investment for the community and the company. The new standalone foundry is expected to support a substantial increase in brass production while allowing room for future production lines.

Overlooking the 90 acre excavation site, gatherers could view several renderings of the new facility. Guests heard speeches from local politicians about the project's impact on a small Indiana community. President, Steve Ford, shared a history of foundry constructions projects since the company poured its first brass over a century ago.

Finally, a large group of partners, colleagues, and friends donned their hard hats and gripped their golden-colored shovels to break ground and pose for photos. The ceremony officially launched a project intended to increase the company's resilience for the long term and its ability to meet waterworks needs arising from an aging U.S. water infrastructure and the construction of single and multi-family housing units. This state-of-the-art facility will allow a growing workforce to mold and cast the next generation of brass products that enable the distribution of clean water around the world.



