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Pell City Makes Room for Baker Coupling

Last year, The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. announced its acquisition of the Baker Coupling Company, Inc. and moved operations from Los Angeles, California to Pell City, Alabama. Baker was a privately held manufacturer of sleeve-type couplings, transition and reducing couplings, expansion and dismantling joints, tapping sleeves, flanged coupling adapters, and related items. For the last twelve months, we have welcomed former Baker Coupling customers to the Ford family and provided existing customers with an expanded line of products made possible through this acquisition. These products are highly engineered and require specialized equipment as well as a well-trained workforce. Our primary goal each day is to provide a safe environment to build these products and exceed our customers' expectations in both quality and delivery. To achieve these objectives, the Pipe Products Division has broken ground on a 60,000 square foot expansion, adding to our current 355,000 square foot campus.



New Facility Groundbreaking

New Facility Rendering

This is no ordinary expansion. The size and weight of products in the Baker line, as well as what we need to properly service the Treatment Plant portion of our business, will require a taller building with material handling capabilities far greater than we have today. This building will stand four and half stories high and include four parallel bays of manufacturing. Each bay will have between 15 and 25 tons of lifting capacity to ensure safe and efficient movement of materials. The bays will have the required head room to easily load trucks with up to 20-foot diameter fabrications. The new building will also facilitate a shorter lead time on legacy products such as tapping sleeves and Uni-Flange™ restraints and allow us to be even more responsive to emergency situations where custom fabrications are required quickly.

As we look forward to the completion of this facility, new equipment has already arrived and is being implemented within our current infrastructure. Ford is excited to provide our customers with their BIG diameter needs. For questions on Baker or Treatment Plant products, please contact Kari Niccum, at BakerCoupling@fordmeterbox.com.

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