

TMT expands into former Plastech site

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A local entrepreneur has announced his plans for a factory left vacant last summer.

Tony Marks, owner of TMT, will begin leasing the former Plastech building in Napoleon today for use for a soon-to-open warehouse storage operation. The operation is expected to create a significant amount of jobs in the Napoleon community without pulling employees from TMT's four existing operating companies - TMT Logistics, Inc.; TMT Warehousing, LLC; TMT Packaging, LLC; and TMT Transportations Services, LLC.

Plastech had been paying rent through April 30 after permanently closing its doors in July.

Jan Grady, vice president of warehousing, explained the 167,500 square

foot facility will be used for warehousing - mainly for Walgreens. She said the former Plastech site will serve as a local warehouse for its Walgreens products, in addition to TMT's current Walgreens warehousing space in Perrysburg. The facility is expected to be operational by mid-May.

At the local facility, TMT will take in products from Walgreens' vendors and then distribute those products to individual Walgreens locations throughout the region. Grady said the site will begin handling warehousing for other businesses as Walgreens' seasonal needs change.

"This will create a significant number of job opportunities. We have already started the recruiting process," Grady said, adding both full-time and seasonal work will be available. "We're (TMT) growing at a rate of 60 plus percent a year."

Grady added TMT opted to open its new operation in Napoleon because of the opportunity for flexible staffing and TMT's good working relationship with the Henry County Community Improvement Corp., which did not provide any tax abatements or low-interest loans for this project.

TMT Logistics was founded in 1994, with its warehousing division added in 1999. The company's primary customers are Campbell Soup Supply Co., the Silgan Can Co. and Walgreens.

The company completed a significant expansion project last fall, which added 280,000 square feet to its warehousing operation and a 10,000 square foot maintenance facility at its headquarters on County Road 12. The project included an \$8 million investment.

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The former Plastech facility will soon house a warehousing storage operation for TMT. The facility will serve as a distribution and storage center for Walgreens and other regional companies.

