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## CHEMICO International Moving Into Katy Area

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KATY, TX - CHEMICO International, Inc., a specialty chemical blending company, is a major new addition to the Katy area business community.

Founded more than 20 years ago in Corpus Christi, CHEMICO International has steadily built a reliable reputation nationally and internationally among companies manufacturing major base chemicals.

Sam Owens, CHEMICO president and CEO, says his decision to transfer the company's headquarters to the Katy area from Corpus Christi was based on the company's rising international reputation, the Katy area's proximity to a major international airport, more operating space at a reasonable cost, and the warm welcome CHEMICO received from the Katy Area Economic Development Council.

"Katy Area EDC was the first to take a really good look at us," says Owens, who also considered Victoria and San Antonio as potential sites for relocation, but says he occasionally ran into business leaders who did not fully appreciate what the company could offer. "The location we've selected has 2 1/2 to 3 times as much as space as our previous location, and less cost per square foot," Owens says.

Lance LaCour, president and CEO of the Katy Area EDC, says CHEMICO is rising in stature nationally and globally, and is a welcome addition to the Katy area business community. "CHEMICO is poised to experience considerable growth in the coming years, and we're pleased and proud they've selected a growing community like ours as the new headquarters," says LaCour. The Katy Area EDC also assisted CHEMICO in identifying a suitable building for the project and offered to assist with facilitation of training and workforce recruitment incentives.

Raquel Benitez, Leasing Agent for Whitestone REIT, shared LaCour's vision to find the perfect fit for CHEMICO's new home base after learning of their impending move to the Katy Area. "We are excited that our Westgate Community met their exacting standards," says Benitez. "At Whitestone, we welcome growth oriented entrepreneurial firms such as CHEMICO International, who thrive in our community centered business model."

CHEMICO International was founded for the purpose of creating and providing safe water treatment products for industrial uses. The company designs safe water treatment methods for cooling towers, boilers, closed loops, chilled loop systems and water treatment bases. Comprised of a core staff of six people - including Owens, CHEMICO relies on subcontracting for much of its production. The company also maintains an innovative research and development lab to provide the highest quality products at the lowest possible cost to its clients.

For the last four years, CHEMICO has held a patent on a water conservation specialty for cooling towers that has been key to the company's rapidly growing reputation, Owens says. "We anticipate steady growth through a number of new contacts," he says. "One thing we've noticed is how many people have come by to initiate contact and express interest in what we offer."

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