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Windmoeller & Hoelscher Completes Major Rhode Island Expansion

Investment Enhances Customer Support Across North America

Lincoln, RI – May 5, 2026 – Machinery manufacturer Windmoeller & Hoelscher (W&H) has completed a major two-year expansion at its North American headquarters in Lincoln, Rhode Island, more than doubling its warehouse capacity and significantly expanding office space.

The milestone was marked with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 1, attended by federal, state, and local officials, project partners, customers, and W&H employees.

Among those present were U.S. Congressman Gabe Amo; RI Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor; RI State Senator Thomas Paolino; RI State Representative Maryann Shallcross Smith; Lincoln Town Administrator Phillip Gould; Lincoln Town Councilwoman Pam Azar; and Dr. Sascha Witt, Chief Sales Officer of Windmoeller & Hoelscher SE & Co. KG in Lengerich, Germany, along with other community representatives.

“This expansion reflects our unyielding commitment to serving customers across the United States and Canada,” said Andrew Wheeler, President of Windmoeller & Hoelscher Corporation. “Our business is built on relationships and service, and this investment allows us to continue growing our team while delivering the level of support our customers rely on.”

The expansion increases operational capacity and supports continued team growth in North America. A new warehouse expands storage of spare parts for both W&H and its subsidiary, Garant, allowing for more efficient order fulfillment. Currently, over 70% of orders are delivered overnight from our stock in Rhode Island.

In line with its global sustainability strategy, W&H has installed photovoltaic panels expected to generate most of the facility’s electricity needs, including powering the HVAC system. The project was supported by federal funding as well as a grant from the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund.

“We designed this new office and warehouse with our employees front and center. We wanted to create a place where people feel at home and can do their best work,” added Wheeler. “That meant making the space both comfortable and practical, with more workstations, sit-to-stand desks, additional natural light, and areas that support both collaboration and focused work. We also built the facility with future growth in mind, knowing this is an investment in the next chapter of our company.”

Construction partners for the project included Rhode Island–based Vision 3 Architects and Vonsol Construction, alongside Insite Engineering Services, GZA Geoenvironmental, Odeh Engineers, and Avid Engineers.

W&H’s North American operations have grown to almost 100 employees, representing a 20% increase over the past two years. The company achieved record sales of \$300 million in North America in 2024, contributing to \$1.2 billion in global revenue.

“We’re proud to celebrate this milestone with the Windmoeller & Hoelscher team,” said Rhode Island Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor. “W&H’s decision to double its warehouse and office space and expand its North American presence here in Rhode Island reflects the strength of our business environment. We are also pleased to support this project through Commerce’s Renewable Energy Fund, helping advance a solar installation that will offset the facility’s energy use. We look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come.”

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About Windmöller & Hölscher:

Windmöller & Hölscher, headquartered in Lengerich, Germany, is a family-owned company and world leader in machinery and systems for the manufacturing and converting of flexible packaging. The product portfolio includes high-performance machines for film extrusion, printing, and converting. As a global company, W&H offers its customers comprehensive solutions from a single source: from expert consultation and engineering to the delivery of high-quality machines and complete packaging production lines. More than 3,500 employees create optimal solutions for the individual production tasks of flexible packaging producers – bringing the corporate philosophy “Passion for Innovation” to life. Windmöller & Hölscher machines are in use in over 130 countries by more than 5,000 customers. In 2023, the Windmöller & Hölscher Group achieved sales of over 1.1 billion EUR.

Photo captions/Video**Ribbon Cutting:**

Ribbon holders: Lauren Perez Adler (left) and Vikrant Tandon (right), both of W&H.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Sascha Witt (W&H), Kasie Fairbarn (W&H), Lincoln Town Administrator Philip Gould, Rhode Island State Senator Thomas Paolino, Andrew Wheeler (W&H), Rhode Island Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor, Lincoln Councilwoman Pamela Azar, Rhode Island State Representative MaryAnn Shallcross Smith, and Kasif Baig (W&H).

Building Shot:

The completed exterior of the W&H North American headquarters in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

Video:

Highlights from the ribbon-cutting event showcasing the expanded office and warehouse facility in Lincoln, Rhode Island.