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## **Agriculture Manufacturer H.J. Baker To Build New Facility in Emporia Kansas**

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### **New amino acid encapsulation facility will create local jobs**

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EMPORIA, Kansas – (July 17, 2015) Global agriculture company, H.J. Baker, is excited to announce the expansion of their Animal Health and Nutrition division with the ground breaking of a new multi-million dollar facility in Emporia Kansas.

H.J. Baker's new encapsulation facility will be built on 15 acres on Weaver Street and Penny Lane in Industrial Park III and will begin production as early as March 2016. The 13,000 square foot facility will include offices, warehouse and processing floor, which will include state of the art equipment that has been designed and built in the USA.

"The new facility will allow H.J. Baker to create new local jobs as well as a strong opportunity for us to continue innovating within our industry," H.J. Baker President and CEO Christopher Smith said. "We're very excited to join the growing number of businesses in Emporia. The city has been welcoming and we look forward to working with them in the future."

"We welcome H.J. Baker to Emporia, Kansas," stated Kent Heermann President of the Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas (RDA). "Our conversations with H.J. Baker began in early February 2015 as a direct result of proactive marketing efforts. Another great company joins our growing and diversified animal nutrition cluster."

"Kansas has become a leader in the animal healthcare and nutrition sector thanks to the investment and expertise of businesses such as H.J. Baker," Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George said. "The company's facility in Emporia will support the continued growth of this important industry."

H.J. Baker has been pioneering the Animal Health industry using amino acid feed ingredients since the late 1980's. The company's METABOLYS® and METABOMET® technologies deliver critical amino acids to dairy cows and gives dairymen increased benefits in milk volume and richer milk components.

“H.J. Baker has been expanding globally in recent years, and it’s a pleasure to continue that expansion inside the United States adding skilled American Jobs,” Smith said. He added that, “The encapsulated amino acid market is growing nationally and globally and with our new Emporia facility we anticipate being able to cater to that growth.”

H.J. Baker & Bro. Inc., has been a global manufacturer and supplier of agricultural goods and services for 165 years by building relationships that last decades. It strives to invest in innovative products, the environment and their local communities. The company’s strategically located processing plants, offices and warehouses create a super-efficient pipeline for the vital commodities and products that it sources, manufactures and markets. H.J. Baker & Bro. Inc., is headquartered in Westport, Connecticut, U.S.

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