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Cargo Largo celebrates groundbreaking of new facility in Independence



Pictured from left to right: Steve Mauer – Chair Member, IEDC; Jodi Krantz – Vice President, IEDC; Tom Lesnak – President & CEO, IEDC; Karen Deluccie – At-Large Councilmember, IEDC; Dan Hobart – Councilmember, 4th District; Mayor Eileen Weir - City of Independence; Dee Pack – Owner & CEO, Cargo Largo; Joyce Pack – Co-owner, Cargo Largo; Matt Frerking – President, Cargo Largo; John Belshe – Vice President of Retail, Cargo Largo, Jordan Sanders – Senior Project Manager, Russell; Travis Follick – Senior Project Manager, Merit; Dan Jensen – Principal, Industrial Brokerage, Kessinger Hunter; Kurt Jensen – Industrial Brokerage, Kessinger Hunter

Independence, MO – Cargo Largo is celebrating a new chapter with the groundbreaking of its 524,000 square foot mixed-use facility in Independence, MO, this week. Groundwork began in late December and construction will continue to Spring 2023.

“Our new headquarters represents a deep commitment for Cargo Largo to continue serving our customers, clients, employees and entire community,” said Dee Pack, CEO for Cargo Largo.

“Shoppers will benefit from our expanded inventory, an improved shopping experience and our commitment to offering incredible values,” said Matt Frerking, president of Cargo Largo.

This \$50 million project consolidates operations from six metro locations into a new corporate headquarters, store, and warehouse. The 524,000 square foot facility, with expanded car and trailer parking, will be the first of a four-phase redevelopment plan. It will also incorporate infrastructure improvements to enhance access and traffic flow. Phase two will include redevelopment of their current 76,439 square foot facility as warehouse and distribution space. Phase three includes the construction of an 80,000 square foot mixed used facility and phase four will include the addition of a 10,000 square foot facility for mixed uses. The site is on a previously vacant land on the west side of Noland Road across from Truman High School.

“Cargo Largo has a long history in Independence with company roots dating back more than 65 years. We cannot wait to celebrate this new chapter with them,” Independence Mayor Eileen Weir said. “This project is estimated to bring nearly 400 new jobs to our community, additional visitors shopping and spending in our community, and an opportunity to continue to show the Kansas City Metro all that Independence has to offer.”

“The Chamber of Commerce is excited to support the growth of Cargo Largo in Independence,” Independence Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Tom Lesnak said. “This project will provide a much-needed economic boost to our community through the capital investment in the facility and the new jobs that will come along with it.”

“Cargo Largo has called Independence home for decades, and their investment reflects a deep commitment to the city’s future. It was a pleasure to work with Dee and his team on this expansion project. It’s exciting to have been a part of the team that will bring quality jobs and economic development to our community,” Independence Economic Development Council Vice President Jodi Krantz said.

About Cargo Largo

Recovery Management Corporation (RMC) started as Underwriters Sales Corporation in the 1950s. In 1986, Underwriters Sales Outlet opened at 35th and Noland Road, the current location of Cargo Largo.

The business has been in the Independence community for 65 years. Dee and Joyce Pack purchased the family business in 1991 and established RMC to serve the supply chain industry. Today, the business now has nearly 500 employees.

Cargo Largo’s retail outlet and e-commerce business provides unbeatable product value and variety, and an engaging, family-oriented environment for employees and customers. Cargo Largo also serves as a generous heart to friends and neighbors. We sell more than 800,000 distinct products annually through multiple sales channels. While the retail outlet has the highest local profile, other sales channels, and other specialized services account for the majority of the business. RMC obtains products from across the supply chain through long-term partnerships with clients.

We invite you to learn more about our unique shopping experience, community involvement, and career opportunities. For more information, please visit us at www.cargolargo.com, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram.

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