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Campanelli Construction Completes 83,000 SF Facility for Edesia

Newly constructed factory in RI set to help over two million malnourished children worldwide each year.

BRAINTREE, MA (June 23, 2016) – **Campanelli Construction**, a construction management firm headquartered in Braintree, Massachusetts, today announced the completion of an 83,000 square foot production, warehouse, and distribution facility built for Edesia in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The largest international exporter in Rhode Island, Edesia is a non-profit organization that manufactures peanut-based ready-to-use foods that help treat and prevent childhood malnutrition globally.

At a recent ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate the new factory, alongside Edesia Founder and CEO Navyn Salem, RI Governor Gina Raimondo, U.S. Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Congressman David Cicilline (D-RI), RI State Treasurer Seth Magaziner, RI Secretary of State Nellie Gorbia as well as representatives from USAID and the USDA gave congratulatory remarks in recognition of the achievement, which promises local and global benefits. As a result of Edesia’s relocation and expansion, the non-profit now has the capacity to reach over two million malnourished children worldwide each year.

Campanelli Construction has built and developed more than 23 million square feet of industrial facilities and was eager to work with Edesia on building their new facility, which is five-times larger than their previous headquarters in Providence, from the ground up. “Edesia continues to illustrate the breadth of construction that Campanelli is capable of managing,” stated Jeff DeMarco, President of Campanelli Construction. “Each client has a unique set of wants and needs, and our team strives to deliver on every request. Our reputation stands on the success of projects like Edesia.”

“Our mission for our new building was to expand and create a vastly more efficient space to help us meet our goal of reaching 10 million malnourished children by the year 2020,” shared Salem. “The Campanelli Construction team helped us achieve our vision by keeping our project on-time and on-budget, while they fulfilled every request.”

To help the non-profit stay under budget, Edesia’s new factory was built using pre-engineered Barnes steel buildings systems. High ceilings and an “industrial-chic” look were central to the design. Glass paneling along the hallway allows administrative and production staff to feel more integrated as a team inside the same building, while at the same time visitors can witness how Edesia’s products are made.

In addition to a 25,000 square foot state-of-the-art “clean room” for manufacturing food to the highest safety standards and a 35,000 square foot warehouse, the floor plan balances open areas that encourage staff collaboration with more traditional cubicles, private offices, and conference rooms.

“The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) was instrumental in making this development smooth and easy,” said Dave Vroman, Campanelli Construction Project Executive. “The well-organized cooperation between the QDC, the state of Rhode Island, and the town of North Kingstown made every facet of the project, from permitting to inspection to turnover, quick and effortless.”

Campanelli Construction is currently working on over one million square feet of new construction, including nearly 800 units of luxury multi-family residences in Norwood, Norton, and Ashland MA; a 200,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center for TA Realty in Taunton, MA, and a 57,000 square foot cold storage and distribution center for New England Ice Cream Company in Norton, MA.

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About Campanelli Construction

Established in 1947, Campanelli is a third generation, full-service commercial real estate development and acquisition company with extensive experience in the industrial, office, medical office, warehouse/distribution, retail, educational and cold storage markets. Campanelli began building homes during WWII and transitioned from residential to commercial real estate in the 1960's. The team, known for their seamless ability to work with their clients and act as the "real estate division" of a company, has developed 11 business parks in Massachusetts, over 20 million square feet across the nation and provided international development consulting and site selection services. The company's signature capabilities include land development, design and build, redevelopment and value-added acquisitions. It is Campanelli's all-encompassing and quality services that have led to its successful track record as a highly-regarded developer; from site selection, feasibility analysis, local, state and federal permitting, to architectural and engineering design, building construction and facilities and property management. For more information, visit our new website at Campanelli.com.



About Edesia

Edesia is a non-profit, social enterprise that manufactures revolutionary, ready-to-use, fortified peanut pastes like Plumpy'Nut[®], used to treat malnutrition in the world's most vulnerable populations. These "miracle packets" are shipped and distributed through UNICEF, the World Food Programme, USAID/USDA, and other humanitarian aid agencies. Since 2010 Edesia's dedicated team of 70 (hailing from over 21 countries) has produced and exported enough lifesaving food to reach over 4 million of the world's most malnourished children in 47 countries. In May 2016 Edesia more than doubled its production capacity after opening a new state-of-the-art factory and Innovation Center in Rhode Island, making it possible to reach more beneficiaries than ever before at home and abroad.