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FLORENCE, KY. (Aug. 2, 2013) — The Paul Hemmer Co. will launch construction next week of a major expansion of Mazak Corp.'s manufacturing facility in Northern Kentucky.

Preparation and excavation work for the project started in July even as Hemmer was completing construction of a 7,750 s.f. office renovation project for Mazak. Mazak moved this week into those new offices in its South Building on the Florence campus.

The two projects are among several that Mazak has called on Hemmer to manage this past year to facilitate Mazak's significant expansion of its North American Headquarters campus in Northern Kentucky.

The overall expansion is a \$30 million investment by Mazak, a machine tool maker, in its national operations in Northern Kentucky. It enables Mazak to increase its production capacity to 200 machines per month and allows the company to bolster its customer service and support offerings.



Hemmer expects to begin foundation work on Monday on the major two-bay expansion of Mazak's manufacturing facility. The 91,000 s.f. expansion will increase the plant size by more than 20 percent. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Hemmer finished a 6,000 s.f. addition to the Mazak manufacturing plant last year that added a two-story engineering office to the facility. The company also managed construction of two major expansions to Mazak's National Technology Center on its Florence campus last year.

One expansion added a two-story 18,750 s.f. office to the National Technology Center that includes new customer-training classrooms. Another expansion added 12,400 s.f. feet to expand the high-bay areas of the Technology Center.

Mazak employs about 750 at its Florence campus. Its footprint will cover 800,000 s.f. when its current expansions are finished. Its buildings sit on three of the four corners at the intersection of Industrial Road and Foundation Drive. (Mazak has a Florence address, but some of its larger structures are within the Elsmere city limits.)

Hemmer team members leading the manufacturing plant expansion projects at Mazak include: President Paul Hemmer, Senior Vice President John Curtin, Senior Project Manager Cynthia Sullivan, and Superintendent Joe Keller. KZF Design has coordinated all project design/architecture.