



Chr. Hansen US Headquarters Expansion

Press Release

Chr. Hansen secures growth plans, continuing to make West Allis, Wis. its US headquarters

Chr. Hansen, a leading global bioscience company, with current offices at 9105 West Maple Street in West Allis, plans significant expansion. Chr. Hansen will make West Allis its US headquarters for years to come. “We have been part of the West Allis community for 90 years and we are thrilled to continue investing here, further cementing our commitment to this area,” said Jim Holliday, president, Chr. Hansen, Inc. Expansion plans include a larger footprint for Chr. Hansen’s Food Cultures & Enzymes facility.

Chr. Hansen develops innovative solutions for the food and beverage, nutritional pharmaceutical and agricultural industries using natural ingredients. More than 1 billion people around the world enjoy our natural products every day in the foods they eat. Chr. Hansen solutions enable our customers to produce more with less – while reducing the use of chemicals and other synthetic additives.

In 2019, its innovative and sustainable solutions to address global challenges garnered Chr. Hansen the ranking as “the most sustainable company in the world” by Corporate Knights. In August, Chr. Hansen was listed on Fortune Magazine’s Change the World list, which is a further recognition of our work to improve food and health for a sustainable future.

Chr. Hansen prepares for future growth, working to finalize plans to continue investing at its US headquarters located in West Allis.

As more US consumers – and consumers around the world – become increasingly aware of the foods they consume, demanding foods made from natural, safe and recognizable ingredients, Chr. Hansen must prepare for future growth and ensure we remain an attractive local workplace. Chr. Hansen recently acquired several adjacent apartments and a Knights of Columbus Hall to expand the boundaries of its West Allis campus, paving the way for future growth and expansion. Chr. Hansen’s US leadership team is working with corporate leadership in Denmark to visualize the company’s US future. The aim is to create a modern facility for our Food Cultures and Enzymes production, sustaining Chr. Hansen’s strong position as preferred supplier of natural ingredients and microbial solutions to the global food, health and agricultural industries.

The initial planned expansion is a 20,000 square foot building addition with over \$25 million in capital investment starting in 2020. This expansion will further strengthen Chr. Hansen’s position as an industry leader in the Americas. To support the growth, Chr. Hansen’s early approximation is an increase of 25-30 jobs related to the initial expansion. The trajectory of the current business and future growth plans leave the company well positioned to invest in further expansions to the West Allis site.



West Allis is a key community partner. Chr. Hansen has been a part of the West Allis community for 90 years and remains committed to the City of West Allis. West Allis Mayor Dan Devine stated, “The City of West Allis truly values great corporate citizens like Chr. Hansen; their expansion will further enhance West Allis as an extraordinary place to live, work and conduct business.” The willingness of City leaders to welcome Chr. Hansen’s expansion and favorably consider, endorse and accommodate its expansion plans is a key factor in those plans coming to fruition. It’s our goal to bring more jobs and prosperity to the area and we’re excited about the opportunity to invest further in West Allis.

Chr. Hansen was founded in 1874 in Denmark. Its US operations started in 1878 in New York before moving to West Allis, Wis. in 1929. Today, Chr. Hansen has more than 3,700 employees worldwide, including more than 400 in the United States and 290 at Chr. Hansen’s North American headquarters in West Allis.