

GreenLight Pallet announces Portland facility, move to support Oregon's economy

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Company to Move Manufacturing System and Equipment from Korea and Spain to Oregon; Could bring \$250-million to Oregon Economy

PORTLAND, Ore. -- As today's manufacturers and retailers transition towards greener and more efficient supply chains, GreenLight Pallet Co., the manufacturer of the UNIPAL 100% recyclable patented corrugated pallet system, announced plans to complete its 50,000 square foot manufacturing facility on Marine Drive along the Columbia River in Portland this May.

As GreenLight Pallet Co. LLC holds the manufacturing and distribution rights of the UNIPAL Pallet and the UNIPAL manufacturing equipment in the USA, the company plans to move the UNIPAL Pallet manufacturing system and equipment from its current production in Korea and Spain to Oregon could bring an estimated \$250,000,000 to Oregon's economy. The move will also support the available family wage green technology and clean manufacturing jobs in Portland in line with the city's sustainability goals.

"It's a perfect time to transition into the Portland market," says Jon Girod, GreenLight's founding member. "Our product is 100% green and fulfills our customers' growing need for increased supply chain efficiency at a reduced cost, while also achieving environmental and health and safety targets unfulfilled by wood pallets. The fact that the UNIPAL Pallet meets all new export regulations and packaging requirements for international shipping provides the perfect solution for today's manufacturers and retailers."

The current economic climate requires alternative designs, different handling equipment, and an overall move towards more sustainable systems and materials. GreenLight's patented UNIPAL Pallet weighs 1/4th the weight of a wood pallet, repels water, can be made from 100% recycled cardboard and is 100% recyclable at the end of its lifespan, enabling further reduction in waste.

"The UNIPAL Pallet meets market demand for a lighter, safer and more versatile pallet, while bringing together the same performance and durability of a traditional pallet," said Girod. "The unique design allows us to adapt to customers' needs, while also reducing fuel and even insurance costs through the product's safe and easy handling without requiring mechanical assistance."

Current UNIPAL customers include Firestone, General Motors Mexico, Johnson & Johnson UK, Sony Japan, LG Electronics Korea, Hyundai Autonet Korea, Daewood Electronics Korea, Konica Japan, Yamaha Paper, Aiwa Korea, Konica Japan, Itochu Chemicals Japan, Olympus Japan and Audi.

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