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Major Paper Manufacturer Expands to Industrial Park in New Caney

(July 26, 2023) — With an increased demand for toilet paper and a steadily growing customer base, GCP Paper USA, Inc. will build a new \$400 million facility in the East Montgomery County Industrial Park.

The East Montgomery Improvement District (EMCID) and GCP signed an agreement July 26 for the company to purchase of 32 acres in the EMC Industrial Park. GCP is recognized as a leading producer of private-label tissue products, like toilet paper, paper towels, and napkins for Sam's Club, Walmart, HEB, Costco and Aldi. GCP Paper agreed to hire 51 percent of its employees from within EMCID boundaries and contribute \$100,000 to the EMC Scholarship Foundation, which provides \$1,600 scholarships to all students within EMCID boundaries. The company will also provide \$15,000 of paper goods each year for 10 years for EMCID's future convention center.

The project will be completed in three phases — a 190,000-squarefoot warehouse, a packing center and a conversion facility — to be completed within five years. GCP's new facility is expected to bring approximately 200 jobs to the area.

Representatives with GCP, local elected officials and many others attended the July event.

Attendees included GCP Paper representatives Ricardo Soto, Eduardo Soto, Luis Fernandez, Luis Fernandez, Jr. and Heydi Casteneda; the EMCID Board of Directors; Frank McCrady, EMCID President/CEO; Pam Plagens, Global Advanced Manufacturing Team Leader with the U.S. Department of Commerce; Paulette Rubio, Officer for Politics and Protocol Affairs with the Mexican Consulate; Shiva Baradaran, Deputy District Director & Scheduler with State Sen. Brandon Creighton's Office; Matt Gray, Montgomery County Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Brian Garcia and Jose Sanchez with Entergy Texas.

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