

# Guardian Building Products Breaks Ground on New Fiberglass Insulation Plant



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Guardian Fiberglass, Inc. (part of the Guardian Building Products group of companies) broke ground today on a new manufacturing plant in Moses Lake, Washington. Robert Trask, Jr. president of the Grant County EDC, Ron Covey Mayor of Moses Lake, and Gov. Christine Gregoire joined Guardian representatives for the official announcement.

The facility will manufacture the complete line of Guardian's fiberglass insulation products for residential and commercial applications. The state-of-the-art plant will be a 500,000 square foot building and will include manufacturing and warehousing. Initially, the plant will create 130 new jobs for the region. The plant will have the capacity to run two lines.

According to Guardian Building Products President Duane Faulkner, "We needed a manufacturing facility in the Pacific Northwest to service prospective and existing customers. The Grant County Economic Development Council and the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development were tremendously helpful once we had determined that Washington State was a viable option for Guardian."

Moses Lake was selected as the site of the plant because of the availability of suitable land, reasonable utility rates, reliable power supplies, a quality workforce, and proximity to major transportation lanes. In addition, Moses Lake already has a sophisticated manufacturing community. All of these are

important to the decision-making criteria.

Grading for the plant begins immediately. The building construction will begin in February 2008. The plant is expected to begin production in mid-2009.

Guardian Building Products, Inc. is one of the largest building products distribution networks in the United States, and through one of its subsidiaries, Guardian Fiberglass, Inc., manufactures a complete line of light density fiberglass building insulation products for the construction markets in Canada and the United States. Guardian Building Products, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Guardian Industries Corp.

Guardian, its subsidiaries and affiliates employ 19,000 people and operate facilities throughout North America, Europe, South America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

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Bob Trask Jr. welcomes Martin Powell, Executive VP of Guardian Building Products, to Moses Lake



Dirt is turned and construction is officially started on Guardians 500,000 square foot facility in Moses Lake