

SAICA EYES INDIANA SITE FOR NEW BOX PLANT

Saica Group, one of the largest European producers of recycled paper for corrugated board, is making plans to construct a \$130 million corrugated cardboard manufacturing and distribution facility in Anderson, Indiana, according to media reports. In a request to the Anderson Plan Commission, Saica seeks to replat 39 acres to build the plant that would initially employ 60 people.

The Anderson Redevelopment Commission will consider the request on February 6, reports said. Headquartered in Spain, Saica first expanded into the US market in 2022 with the opening of its first box plant in Hamilton, Ohio, about 20 miles north of Cincinnati.

Saica said the 360,000 square-foot building, which includes manufacturing, converting and production areas, has a production capacity of over 1,500 MSF/year of corrugated board.

Among its equipment investments was a 36" Bobst flexo folder gluer and a two-color 66" Bobst rotary die cutters. Saica said the Ohio plant was part of a previously announced \$800 million investment the company plans for the U.S. market, growing through strategic acquisitions or new plant construction during the next five years, as part of its global strategy.

Saica has an annual production capacity of 3.3 million tons of recycled paper for corrugated board, according to its website.

With more than 10,000 employees, the company has a presence in Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Turkey, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United States and Poland. Saica Group has four business lines: manufacture of recycled paper for corrugated board (Saica Paper), waste management and environmental services (Saica Natur), production of corrugated board packaging (Saica Pack) and flexible packaging (Saica Flex).

