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UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE OPENS WAREHOUSE FOR BLUE DIAMOND GROWERS

CAMDEN, NJ – United States Cold Storage (USCS) held grand opening ceremonies Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, for its second refrigerated warehouse in Turlock, CA.

Completed last month, the 9.3-million-cubic-foot facility, called “USCS Turlock North,” serves as a dedicated location to Blue Diamond Growers, the world's leading almond marketer and processor. The warehouse has two rooms and as many as 40,500 pallet positions. The location meets British Retail Consortium (BRC) certification food safety standards and offers import/export services in addition to California Organic Certification.

As a dedicated facility, USCS Turlock North will receive, store and ship Blue Diamond ingredients designated for its own finished products as well as industrial finished goods. The facility will serve as the primary location for Blue Diamond’s industrial customers—both domestic and international. Blue Diamond’s diverse ingredient line not only includes a wide range of almonds (whole, sliced, diced, etc.) but also ingredients such as almond powders, flours, and oils.

The Turlock North location is another example of USCS partnering with a California-based food processor,” says Rod Noll, Senior Vice President, Western Region. “Although our customer base is diverse in Turlock, we pride ourselves in providing ‘Best in Cold’ solutions and services to these local providers.”

Joining Noll and other local officials at the facility opening was Mark Jansen, Blue Diamond Growers President & CEO.

“Congratulations to all the teams at Blue Diamond and U.S. Cold Storage,” he said. “What a great example of partnership and working together to achieve something great.”

He added, “This has been a terrific project for us. I marvel at what can happen in 18 months, in terms of pulling a facility of this size and complexity together. By finding the right partners and working together—we can become world-class.”

Interestingly, USCS Turlock North chose a relatively new refrigeration technology, a first for the company and one of only a few systems operating in the United States. The transcritical carbon dioxide refrigeration system utilizes carbon dioxide (CO2) for both low-side and high-side compression cycles.



This effectively eliminates the use of anhydrous ammonia, which could negatively impact almond product quality in the event of a leak. In operation, the system and building are capable of storing product at temperatures ranging anywhere from -10F to +55F.

USCS Turlock North also features an enclosed, temperature-controlled receiving and shipping dock with 16 doors.

Located in the fertile San Joaquin Valley, Turlock is located right off California Highway 99. It is just 90 minutes away from Oakland, two hours from San Francisco and 45 minutes away from Tracy and Stockton, CA. For its part, USCS now has 10 California locations including sites in nearby Sacramento, Tracy, Fresno and Bakersfield.

About United States Cold Storage

United States Cold Storage, Inc. (USCS), Camden, NJ, is a premier provider of public refrigerated warehousing (PRW) and related logistics services throughout the USA. With roots dating back to 1899, USCS has long served a diverse customer base with requirements ranging from primary storage to fully integrated third-party logistics. The company offers more than 355 million cubic feet of temperature-controlled warehouse and distribution space in 42 facilities located in 13 states including California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. USCS is the third largest PRW Logistics provider in North America. It is a subsidiary of the U.K.'s John Swire & Sons Ltd.

About Blue Diamond

Blue Diamond Growers is the world's leading almond marketer and processor. It led the development of California's almond industry since it was formed as a nonprofit, grower-owned cooperative over 100 years ago. Today, Blue Diamond has over 3,000 growers across California. Blue Diamond markets and sells a wide range of almond-based snacks, beverages, and ingredients, including Blue Diamond® snack almonds, Nut-Thins® crackers, almond flour, and the number one almondmilk in the U.S., Almond Breeze®. For more information, visit www.bluediamond.com