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Stellar Industries Moves Forward on Substantial Manufacturing Expansion

Garner, Iowa – Stellar Industries, Inc. is pleased to announce it will be expanding its facilities by adding approximately 60,000 square feet of additional manufacturing space in the coming months. Approval of a development agreement with the City of Garner was granted at the city council meeting on September 14th, and Larson Contracting of Lake Mills broke ground the following day.

The new facility will allow Stellar to expand its production space, update manufacturing processes and rationalize its current operations. "Currently we have various manufacturing processes taking place in several different buildings," says Steve Schnieders, Operations Manager for Stellar Industries. He continues, "By adding this much space at once will allow us to bring some of these processes under one roof, making us much more efficient in our production flow."

Stellar awarded the construction contract to Larson Contracting of Lake Mills. This pre-engineered steel building will be 175' wide by 350' long with 40' tall sidewalls that will peak to 48', as manufactured by Butler Manufacturing. The building will incorporate a "clear span" design that does not contain any interior columns to interfere with production requirements that Stellar would require. The 40' height will also allow Stellar to install mezzanines to gain additional floor space for manufacturing, assembly, or inventory in the future.

"Larson Contracting is very grateful to be a part of Stellar Industries' expansion plans," states Milo Lien, Larson Contracting Sales Manager. He adds, "This addition will provide Stellar Industries square footage that will greatly increase their production capabilities, change the skyline of the city of Garner, and allow Larson Contracting to showcase their

building expertise."

Stellar Industries, Inc. was founded in 1990 in Garner, Iowa. It is an employee owned and operated manufacturer of hydraulic truck mounted equipment. Products include hooklift hoists, cable hoists, container carriers, telescopic cranes, articulating cranes, work truck accessories and the X-Tra-Lift pick-up loading device. Stellar also offers complete mechanic service truck and tire service truck packages. Through the recent purchase of the assets of former Kiefer Built, LLC, a full line of horse, livestock and industrial trailers are also available. Stellar is a progressive company that focuses on its people, as they are the key to making the products and the company successful.

Larson Contracting of Lake Mills is a leader in providing value-added construction services to our customers by creating a successful partnership with them throughout the construction process. Our pledge is to establish lasting relationships with our customers by exceeding their expectations and gaining their trust through exceptional performance by every member of the construction team.

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