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M.A. SILVA USA BROKE GROUND FOR A NEW 70,000-SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY



Santa Rosa, CA, October 30, 2014 – M.A. Silva, the leading manufacturer of cork, glass and packaging, broke ground for a new manufacturing facility across from the existing building located in the Westwind Business Park adjacent to the Sonoma County Regional Airport in Santa Rosa. The new construction is custom designed by DES Architects + Engineers and built for M.A. Silva by Alston Construction. Once completed, the new 70,000-square-foot structure will accommodate storage room for wine bottles, sensory and working laboratories along with a multimedia training room, office space and a gym for employees. The expansion will bring M.A. Silva to over 100,000-square-foot of operational space in Santa Rosa.

Investments in innovative technology processes and a focus on consistent personal customer service have made M.A. Silva a leading cork and bottle supplier in the North American wine industry. The new facility was planned to meet the growing demand for their cork and glass products. “This expansion is ultimately the result of the substantial growth we’ve seen in the cork and bottle business over the last years,” explained Neil Foster, President of M.A. Silva. “It will allow us to increase our cork production and expand our glass storage capacity. With our new state-of-the-art laboratories we will be able to offer more services to customers and further our R & D capabilities.”

The new facility incorporates latest technologies that increase energy efficiencies using an advanced insulation and a night-air cooling system. A solar panel upgrade is planned in a few years. “Being good stewards of our resources has always been a priority at M.A. Silva,” said Foster. “Whether that means green building standards, recycling and reducing waste in our production area, or giving back to the communities we live and work in.”

The construction of the \$7.5 million building began in October with completion scheduled for late spring 2015.

About M.A. Silva USA: Based in Sonoma County, California, M.A. Silva USA is a leading manufacturer of premium natural corks, glass and packaging for North American markets. Its quality-assurance program ensures unmatched visual, mechanical and sensory characteristics of its products. It is the first cork supplier in the U.S. to offer high resolution laser cork printing of unique and variable information to each single cork stopper. The company operates on 100% solar power and is committed to sustainability and eco-friendly operations. M.A. Silva earned both *Sonoma Green Business Program* and *ClimateSmart™* certifications. The company has been named **Best Cork Supplier 2013** by the *North Bay Business Journal* and **Best Cork and Best Bottle Supplier 2013** by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine. It is a four-time winner of the *North Bay Business Journal's Best Places to Work*. For more information visit www.MASilva.com or call 707.636.2530.

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