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ROSEMOUNT WELCOMES NEW HEADQUARTERS OF SWEET HARVEST FOODS

The City of Rosemount welcomes a new corporate resident, Sweet Harvest Foods, which will establish its headquarters in the Rosemount Business Park later this spring.

The company has fully leased the 108,000 square-foot building that formerly was the location of Canon Equipment. Previously, Sweet Harvest Foods leased part of the building for distribution. About 25 headquarters staff will now join those distribution employees.

The privately owned company began with the MEL-O brand of honey, sold at farmers' markets as far back as 1923. The company continues to sell honey in a distinctive bottle shaped like a honey bear. The company also sells the John Mountain Organics brand of honey and the PB Crave brand of peanut butter. Sweet Harvest Foods products are sold in supermarkets and supplied to food services and as private-label products.

"We welcome the employees and their corporate headquarters to Rosemount," said Mayor Bill Droste. "Our community began more than 150 years ago, serving as a hub for agricultural activity. Sweet Harvest Foods fits well in that tradition."

"We are looking forward to being a part of the Rosemount Community," said CEO Darcy Riess. "Our continuing growth requires new and more expansive space."

Brian McGregor, President and COO, said the headquarters relocation to Rosemount is expected to be complete by May 1.

Sweet Harvest Foods joins seven other companies in the Business Park. Additional land is available for purchase, totaling over 170 acres.

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