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Tyler Union celebrates grand opening of \$25M large diameter foundry expansion

Capital project aims to reduce product lead times for non-routine work orders

ANNISTON, Ala. (April 11, 2025) – Tyler Union, a McWane, Inc. company, today held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the official opening of the facility’s new state-of-the-art large diameter foundry. The 53,000-square-foot foundry expansion began construction in June 2023 with a total cost of approximately \$25 million.

The project, which is projected to create 15 to 25 additional jobs, significantly reduces lead times and increases capacity for large diameter products, such as fittings and valves, enabling Tyler Union to better meet customer demand through greater efficiency and streamlined operations, including the ability to run multiple jobs simultaneously.

Among the highlights of the new foundry is the implementation of the VX400 3D sand printer, the largest system in the world for producing sand molds with a contiguous footprint of 4x2x1 meters. Developed by voxeljet, the printer will be used to print molds and cores, helping to reduce lead times for specialty request products or product specs for which the facility does not have the pattern or core box readily available. Another notable highlight is the large diameter foundry’s use of an induction melt furnace, yielding a more energy-efficient and well-controlled melting process, which is further complemented by dual baghouses as an essential component of the project’s infrastructure.

“Today represents a milestone for Tyler Union and one that will carry this foundry forward for the next generation,” said McWane Anniston Operations Vice President Jon Pollard. “This plant has been a cornerstone in manufacturing across Calhoun County, and as one of the area’s largest employers, this latest investment is a testament of McWane’s commitment to the continued success of our operation and the economic viability of this area.”

Participants at the ribbon-cutting ceremony included Pollard, McWane, Inc. Chairman Phillip McWane, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (AL-03) and Calhoun County Economic Development Council Executive Director Don Hopper. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, attendees were offered a tour of the new space.

Anniston-based Forsyth Building Company Inc. served as general contractor for the project.

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About Tyler Union

For the past century, Tyler Union has been recognized as one of the most experienced manufacturers of ductile iron fittings, joint restraints and valve boxes in the waterworks industry. Tyler Union is unique with wholly owned foundries in both the United States and China. As an industry frontrunner, Tyler Union utilizes cutting-edge equipment and innovative technologies to produce high quality products while prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of its team members, the community and the environment. For more information, visit tylerunion.com.

About McWane, Inc.

McWane, Inc. is a family-owned business based in Birmingham, Alabama, with companies across the U.S. and around the world. The McWane family of companies casts ductile iron products, including pipe, valves, hydrants, fittings and plumbing products; and manufactures fire extinguishers, fire suppression systems and steel pressure vessels. McWane is a leader in delivering clean, safe drinking water around the world while focusing on safe, environmentally friendly manufacturing processes. With approximately 6,000 team members, McWane has a longstanding commitment of support to the communities where our team members live and work. For more information, visit mcwane.com.

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