



# Scope Scoop

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## Ground Broken on New Ceramics Building at Beaverton

GROUND WAS BROKEN AUGUST 10 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW CERAMICS BUILDING, TO BE LOCATED ABOUT 75 YARDS EAST OF THE BEAVERTON PLANT.

THE BUILDING, TO CONTAIN ABOUT 37,400 SQUARE FEET, WAS DESIGNED TO EXPEDITE FLOW OF RAW MATERIALS AND PARTS INTO FINISHED CERAMICS WARE--AND WITH AN EYE TO EVENTUAL AUTOMATION OF VARIOUS PROCESSES.

PRODUCTION AREAS, LAID OUT TO ALLOW FOR EXPANSION, WILL BE IN A "U" SHAPE SURROUNDING THE OFFICE, CAFETERIA, LABORATORY AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES.

MOST OF THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE DEVOTED TO PRODUCING OUR PRESSED CERAMIC STRIP WITH PLASTIC CLIP MOUNT. PRODUCTION ULTIMATELY WILL TOTAL A MILLION PIECES MONTHLY. PRESENT RATE AT THE SUNSET PLANT IS ABOUT 300,000 STRIPS A MONTH.

MUCH OF THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED.

COST WILL BE ABOUT \$600,000. ARCHITECTS ARE WOLFF & ZIMMER. GENERAL CONTRACTOR IS ROSS B. HAMMOND COMPANY.

SUBCONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND, WITH FAVORABLE WEATHER, THE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN SEVEN MONTHS.

FACILITIES MANAGER DICK POOLEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.



PHOTOGRAPHER DON ICKES SNAPPED THIS SHOT OF GROUND-BREAKING ON AUGUST 10.