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Charles Industries opens state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Nogales, Mexico

Nogales Facility represents company's first entry into global manufacturing; greatly increases manufacturing capabilities

SCHAUMBURG, IL (JUNE 17, 2022) – Charles Industries LLC, a leading provider of innovative enclosed solutions, has opened its sixth manufacturing facility and first outside the United States with its brand-new Nogales, Sonora, Mexico facility. The investment in a new manufacturing facility comes as Charles is entering into an exciting period of growth and will enable the company to greatly expand production while improving lead times to customers.

The newly constructed 85,000 square foot facility is part of Nogales' Amphenol Optimize complex, which has been in Nogales since 1984 and currently houses 16 plants for various Amphenol Corporation businesses. The facility has already created 70 local jobs for the community, with 100 or more additional jobs expected to be filled as the facility ramps up to full capacity with 3 shifts of workers.



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Charles' Nogales facility features many advanced fabrication capabilities required to build and assembly the company's renown fiber optic and wireless environmental enclosures. These capabilities include metal punching and bending, laser cutting, welding, powder coating, hardware insertion, mechanical and electrical assembly, fiber optic and cable assembly, testing, and inspection. The availability of a skilled labor pool at Amphenol Optimize to perform these tasks was an important factor in choosing the Nogales location, with Charles providing supplemental skill training to the local workforce when required.

Both Charles Industries and the Amphenol Corporation prioritize Sustainability and Green Initiatives at their facilities, and the Nogales facility makes no exception. New equipment was purchased with considerations for energy efficient operations that minimize carbon footprints. Water recycling from the facility's powder coat line and other fabrication processes reduces usage from local water sources.

To celebrate the opening of its new facility, Charles hosted a Grand Opening Ceremony for local officials, Amphenol Corporation representatives, and its employees on June 16, 2022. The celebration included a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting, factory tours, live music, food and refreshments, donation presentations to local assistance programs (Home of Our Brothers Cristo Rey, Home for Girls Madre Conchita and Franciscan Nursing Home), and the reveal of an original mural painted by local artist Luis Manuel Parra Torres.

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Charles Industries' new 85,000 sq. ft. Nogales Manufacturing Facility will produce equipment for next-generation communications, wireless, broadband, and utility networks.

About Charles Industries, LLC

2022 marks Charles Industries' 54th year as a diversified manufacturing and technology company serving telecommunications, wireless, broadband cable, utility/electric, and industrial markets. Founded in 1968, the company is ISO 9001:2015 and TL 9000-H registered and headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois, with six additional North American manufacturing centers. Charles Industries is proud to be an Amphenol Corporation Company operating within the Amphenol RF, Optics and Broadband Group. For further information, please visit www.charlesindustries.com or call (847) 806-6300.

About Amphenol

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