Continental Celebrates Grand Opening of New Hydraulic Plant in Aguascalientes, Mexico

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The new production facility enhances regional production capabilities, strengthens operational resilience, and reinforces local supply chains across the Americas

- Produces high-performance hydraulic hoses for industrial markets, showcasing ContiTech's commitment to innovation and customer proximity

Fairlawn, Ohio / Aguascalientes, Mexico, November 3, 2025. Continental's group sector ContiTech today celebrated the grand opening of its new hydraulics production facility in Aguascalientes, Mexico. The new plant underscores ContiTech's commitment to strengthening local supply chains, expanding its manufacturing footprint in the Americas, and advancing its "in the region, for the region" strategy.

The grand opening event was attended by officials from the state of Aguascalientes, led by Governor Maria Teresa Jiménez Esquivel, alongside Head of ContiTech group sector Philip Nelles, CFO Matthias Reinsberg, ContiTech USA CEO and Head of Business Area Industrial Solutions Americas Andreas Gerstenberger, and employees. Members (customers) from the ContiTech Distributor Advisory Council were also in attendance to help celebrate the occasion. Their collective presence underscored the importance of the new facility to the region's economic development and growth.

> The opening of this new plant marks a significant milestone in ContiTech's ongoing commitment to serving customers across the Americas," said Andreas Gerstenberger, CEO of ContiTech USA and Head of Business Area Industrial Solutions Americas. "We're investing not only in technology and capacity, but also in people and in opportunities for mutual value creation with

customers and partners.

With a highly skilled local workforce and a strong spirit of innovation, the Aguascalientes location gives us the foundation to deliver even greater value to our customers. This facility enables us to optimize lead times, reduce logistics dependencies and allow us to respond to customer needs faster and more flexibly.

The 900,000-square-foot site will produce high-performance hydraulic hoses for industrial and mobile applications, including construction, agriculture, mining, and energy sectors. Built with advanced manufacturing technologies and a strong focus on operational excellence, the new plant will serve customers throughout the region with locally engineered and produced solutions designed to meet regional demands.

The new facility will operate in close coordination with ContiTech's existing manufacturing site in Norfolk, Nebraska, enhancing production flexibility, responsiveness, and operational efficiency. Together, these strategically aligned locations will enable ContiTech to better meet evolving customer demands by optimizing volume, technology, and lead times across a unified regional network.

The Aguascalientes plant represents the next level of operational capability for ContiTech," said Tomas Kostenec, Head of Operations, at ContiTech Industrial Solutions Americas. "From the layout and automation systems to workforce training and process optimization, every aspect reflects our dedication to excellence and continuous improvement. This facility enhances our operational agility and ensures that we can meet customer expectations with precision and dependability.

Eduardo Barros, Head of Plant Management at the Aguascalientes facility, highlighted the pride and commitment of the local team:

This project has been built by an exceptional group of people who share a common vision to deliver world-class products made in our region. Our team's expertise and passion are the driving forces behind this achievement, and we're ready to make Aguascalientes a benchmark for innovation and performance within ContiTech's global network.

The Aguascalientes plant grand opening featured:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony, marking the official inauguration of the facility with participation from company leadership, employees, and local dignitaries.

- Plant tours, offering guests to explore the state-of-the-art manufacturing floor and learned about the advanced technologies powering hydraulic hose production.

- Customer engagement opportunities to foster collaboration and showcased ContiTech's newest investment in hydraulics production.

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