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Wieland Breaks Ground on Major Expansion in Northwest Ohio

- Wieland breaks ground on a \$27 million plant in Montpelier, Ohio, to expand U.S. production of brass and copper ammunition ordnance wire.
- The 17,000-square-foot expansion will create 43 jobs and begin initial operations in 2027.
- The project strengthens Wieland's long term U.S. manufacturing strategy.

On January 15, 2026, Wieland officially broke ground at its Montpelier facility – Wieland Chase, the largest brass rod manufacturing company in North America – to build a new \$27 million plant dedicated to expanding semi-finished brass and copper production exclusively in the U.S. Through this investment, designed to add additional capacity for ammunition ordnance wire manufacturing, Wieland becomes the first company to break ground in the United States since the Trump Administration took policy action to restore U.S. dominance in the semi-finished and finished copper product sector.

"This is more than just breaking ground on a building; it's about our commitment to American manufacturing," said Thomas Christie, President of Wieland Chase. "Our goal is to position Wieland Chase as a significant supplier of brass wire in North America and to expand Wieland's capabilities to service the full breadth of products to the ammunition market."

The groundbreaking event brought together company leaders, employees, company and economic development partners, and elected officials to celebrate the 17,000-square-foot plant expansion. Wieland previously announced that initial operations of the multi-phase project will begin in Spring 2027, with the remaining phases wrapping up by 2031. The new expansion will broaden production capabilities and is expected to

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create 43 new well-paying manufacturing jobs in Williams County over time.

At the event, Christie further emphasized the company's workforce as a key factor in the decision to grow in Montpelier, Ohio. "Our team here in Northwest Ohio is exceptional, and this expansion is a testament to their skill, dedication, and commitment to manufacturing excellence."

Wieland Chase began operations in Williams County in 1965, producing a single alloy and product. Over six decades, they have grown considerably to include forging and ingot production, two foundries, and the capabilities to create more than 15 different alloys on site. As a significant employer in Northwest Ohio, Wieland Chase has invested heavily in Williams County over the years, further establishing this region as a prime manufacturing location.

The latest investment in Williams County follows Wieland's strategy to significantly expand its U.S. manufacturing capabilities. The company is currently investing approximately \$600 million in East Alton, Illinois, to build the most advanced production facility for semi-finished copper products in North America. At the same time, Wieland is commissioning a state-of-the-art recycling center in Shelbyville, Kentucky, marking an important milestone in securing a reliable and sustainable domestic supply of critical copper products.

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From left to right: Tony Norden (Vice President Supply Chain and Business Analytics), Dr. Sebastian Koehler (Senior Vice President Legal & Insurance), Anton Zierhut (President Global Extruded and Cast Products | Senior Vice President Wieland Group), Tom Christie (President, Wieland Chase), Ashley Huber (Vice President Legal & Government Affairs), Ed Williams (Vice President Operations), Mike Tisovic (Director of Strategic Projects of North America), Tom McNeil (Director of Engineering, Maintenance, & Industrial Technology)

About Wieland Chase

Wieland Chase, LLC is the largest brass rod manufacturer in North America, producing high-quality brass, bronze, and copper alloy products from its facility in Montpelier, Ohio. For over 100 years, Wieland Chase has been manufacturing and supplying brass rod to customers across the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The company employs more than 300 team members and maintains a production capacity more than 300 million pounds annually. As part of the global Wieland Group, Wieland Chase is committed to innovation, sustainability, and American manufacturing excellence.

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About Wieland

Wieland is one of the world's leading suppliers of semi-finished copper and copper alloy products. With a global network of more than 80 production sites, service, and trading companies, the company offers a broad product, technology, and service portfolio. From prototype to series production, Wieland develops solutions for automotive, aerospace, electronics, refrigeration, air conditioning, and many other industries. Wieland uses high-performance copper materials to drive the success of its B2B customers in future-oriented fields such as electromobility, connectivity, and urbanization. High technical competence, customer-oriented thinking, and sustainability determine their actions and have been the basis of the company's success since 1820.

Wieland in brief

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*1820 in Ulm, Germany | Turnover: €6.6bn |
Locations: 89 | Employees: 10,279 [FY 2024/25 figures of the Wieland Group]

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