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Michigan Sugar Completes Move to New Corporate Office in Uptown Bay City

Riverfront office cements strong partnership between Michigan Sugar, local businesses, Bay City community



BAY CITY – **Michigan Sugar Company** this week completed a major transition to new offices in the heart of Uptown, a move CEO **Mark Flegenheimer** said marks the company’s continued commitment to investment in, and partnership with Bay City.

“Michigan Sugar is proud to call Bay City home, having been founded here more than 100 years ago,” said **Flegenheimer**. “The Uptown Bay City development project has helped revitalize our hometown’s riverfront area. We see this move as a great opportunity to partner with Bay City and contribute to a strong, vibrant city for generations to come.”

The new Michigan Sugar offices will house more than 60 full-time corporate and management employees who previously worked in offices at multiple locations in the area.

Across the region, Michigan Sugar employs nearly 1,000 full-time employees and more than 1,000 additional seasonal workers during the annual sugarbeet harvest and slicing campaign. Michigan Sugar generates more than \$1.25 billion in statewide economic benefits every year, with the greatest economic impact concentrated in local communities across Michigan's Thumb and Saginaw Valley.

"Michigan Sugar Company's new offices in the heart of Uptown will help showcase Bay City as a great place to live and work, and we appreciate our continued partnership with Michigan Sugar," said **Mark Litten**, CEO of **Bay Future, Inc.** "This is local economic development at its best: A hometown company that's creating jobs, while reinvesting to grow the local economy."

"We commend Michigan Sugar for locating its new headquarters right here in Bay City," said **Rick Finn**, City Manager for **Bay City**. "When Michigan Sugar is successful, Bay City benefits in terms of a stronger economy and a greater number of good jobs. The new Michigan Sugar offices in Uptown are just one example of the economic impact of this leading, local company. The City is happy to welcome Michigan Sugar in the new Uptown development."

Local businesses also weighed in on the move, which will bring dozens of employees to the rapidly-growing Uptown riverfront.

"Our restaurant has already seen an uptick in business as Michigan Sugar prepared for their move. We along with many other businesses in the vicinity look forward to serving Michigan Sugar employees," said **Vinny Stuart**, owner of **Uptown Grille**. "It's great to see a local company growing and staying close to home."

"Michigan Sugar's commitment to Bay City has a tremendous positive impact for local families, and businesses of all sizes," said **Ryan Carley**, CEO of the **Bay Area Chamber of Commerce**. "These new offices further strengthen the partnership between Michigan Sugar and the Bay City community."

Flegenheimer noted that the new offices will bring corporate employees from multiple locations into the same office – resulting in more jobs directly in Bay City, while streamlining day-to-day operations. He noted that Michigan Sugar recently expanded its product offerings through the processing of raw cane sugar, with the recent acquisition of facilities in Taylor, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio, and centralized offices in Bay City will better position the company for the future.

"We want to constantly stay on the cutting edge of sugar production, and as we do so, we are committed to ensuring Bay City continues to stand out as a major regional and national hub for business," he said.

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