

Press Release

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Viracon Opens New Fabricating Facility Today in St. George, Utah

New Plant Begins Work on First Project – CityCenter – on Las Vegas Strip

OWATONNA, Minn. – May 22, 2007 – This morning, Viracon, the country’s largest single source glass fabricator officially opened its new \$35 million fabrication facility in St. George, Utah. The new 236,000 square-foot location is a comprehensive full-fabrication facility located a short distance from Las Vegas.

“At Viracon, we pride ourselves in meeting the needs of our customers,” says Brad Austin, senior vice president of sales and marketing at Viracon. “In recent years, we have had customers asking for glass availability in



this area as the population continues to escalate in the South and Western United States.

This new facility will enable us to meet those needs.”

The new facility was opened this morning with a tour and ribbon cutting celebration. Speakers at the ceremony included St. George Mayor, Daniel McArthur; Don Pyatt, president of Viracon; and Bill Wright, vice president of operations at the new plant.

Although officially opened today, the St. George facility is already working on its first major project, a 76-acre mixed use mega-development called CityCenter, on the Las Vegas strip.

The new Viracon plant features state-of-the-art technology and was designed to maximize energy efficiency. The plant uses only electric power fueled by highly efficient heat pump systems. The glass portion of the structure features Viracon's own highly efficient hybrid Low-E product, called VRE-57. The facility features two high-tech insulating glass lines as well as tempering, laminating, coating and silk-screening production lines. Lines are equipped to process a standard width of up to 84 inches. The facility will increase Viracon's glass fabrication capacity by approximately 20 percent.

"We anticipate our most popular product to be our hybrid VRE line of products," says Bill Wright. "The VRE family of coatings is ideal for hot, sunny southwestern climates because they offer high light transmittance with reduced solar heat gain."

Located in the Ft. Pierce Industrial Park at 1586 East Venture Drive, the new facility currently employs 150 people. Over the next two and a half years, that number is expected to grow to 275 employees as the plant becomes fully operational.

St. George based Watts Construction and MRW Design, Inc. were the design build team for the facility. For additional information, visit www.viracon.com, email glass@viracon.com or call 800-533-2080.

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About Viracon

Viracon, based in Owatonna, Minn., has a second plant in Statesboro Georgia and now a new plant in St. George, Utah. The company is an international company of Apogee Enterprises, Inc. Viracon produces high-performance glass products, including tempered, laminated, insulating, silk-screened and high-performance coatings. Apogee Enterprises, Inc. is a leading fabricator, distributor and installer of value-added glass products and

systems. Headquartered in Minneapolis, the company's stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol APOG.