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RAM breaks ground for \$4.5M headquarters

ELKO — RAM Enterprise Inc. broke ground Tuesday on a \$4.5 million headquarters, manufacturing facility and service center.

“This will be five times larger than the existing facility. We’re completely out of room,” Tim Horn, the company president, said after the ceremony that included local dignitaries and RAM employees. The new building next door to the current RAM facilities on West Main Street should be completed mid-summer, he said.

The building will have 47,000 square feet of shop, warehouse and office space and serve as the main company offices, with the construction to be done by RAM Enterprise, Horn said. The branches in Kingman and Payson, Ariz., and Salt Lake City will remain, but the headquarters in Oregon already is relocated to Elko.

“We’re extremely excited. We started the planning process in 2007. It’s been coming for a long time,” said Richard Milroy Jr., the company’s chief executive officer and founder.

The company has nearly 100 employees in Elko and 160 employees companywide, Horn said.

“We’re hiring on a continuing basis,” he said.

The new facility will include a plant to manufacture IMTECH rubber products that are now outsourced, as well as storage of conveyor belts for RAM to install.

The company provides conveyor belt installation, repair and maintenance, process and mine maintenance services, fabrication services and construction services.

RAM also added building construction to its list. RAM built the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility in Elko as its first major construction project.

Milroy estimated 60 to 70 percent of the company’s revenue comes out of Nevada.

Horn said the new building will be good for the Elko community.

Those on hand for the ceremony included Elko Mayor Chris Johnson, Elko County Commissioner Jeff Williams, Elko County Manager Rob Stokes, Elko Area Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Sprout and Elko County Economic Diversification Executive Director Pam Borda.

Horn said the current RAM facility next door to the new site will be available for lease or sale once the new building is ready for occupancy.

RAM Enterprise began in 1991.