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SAS Global to celebrate ground breaking

ELKO — SAS Global Corp. officials are set to celebrate the ground breaking for their new facility at 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport Industrial Park.

SAS Global is an engineering facility from Michigan. Once the facility is built it will process steel, do insulation and provide products to the mining industry.

Construction of the 26,000-square-foot building started at the end of August and is expected to conclude by April.

SAS Global started breaking into the mining industry in the last four to five years. Initially, SAS Global Vice President Brian Hinkle and owner Rick Wark looked at a piece of property in Carlin for the new facility. However, once they came across the Railport property they decided it was a good fit for their business venture.

“I think we ended up in the right spot,” Hinkle said. “I think it is the best location for business alone and for personnel if they are living out in that area because it’s a nice place to live.”

Although the facility is not yet built, the company has already familiarized itself with the area. SAS Global has been working on the Railport site since August.

After purchasing the 30 acres of land, they quickly graded five acres, fenced it and brought in a trailer as a “quazihut” of sorts, because the company already had customers in the area who were looking for immediate assistance.

There are 10 employees doing work on site at the Railport, two from Michigan and the other eight hired from the local area.

Hinkle said once the new facility is up and running, he plans to hire around 20 to 25 employees, mostly from the local area.

“We’re looking forward to going out into the Elko area and supporting and working with the mines out there and the local people there,” Hinkle said.

SAS Global bought the 30-acre parcel from the county for \$300,000. It is the third business to purchase the county-owned land at the Railport. Pacific Hide and Fur and National Oil Well are the others.

Currently SAS Global pays \$3,445.77 in property taxes and for canopy and crane permits. Elko County Assessor Katrinka Russell said the business is taxed on anything new, such as buildings.



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Pacific Hide and Fur pays \$18,664.10 in property taxes each year, an amount that includes the two buildings plus the property. National Oil Well's 20-acre piece of land is currently vacant and the business pays \$1,803.69 in property taxes per year.