

Amana Colonies

Welcome German Companies



Poised for success in the American marketplace, two German companies, Alb-Gold, makers of premium quality, organic pasta, and Bionade, creators of a new, organic soft drink; plan to build production facilities here in the Amana Colonies.

Their new facilities are expected to be located west of the village of Amana near the Amana Colonies RV Park. The companies hope to break ground May 2008.

The environmentally green facility would be one of the first of its kind in the nation; a plant constructed using standards higher than those of the LEED Green Building Rating System. The facilities would be surrounded by organically cultivated gardens with an information

center, retail shop and small restaurant.

“We are proud to have Alb-Gold and Bionade join the Amana Colonies with their green facilities. These two companies fit very naturally with the Amana tradition of high quality and outstanding food products,” said Vic Rathje, Amana Society, Inc.

A strong desire to produce foods close to nature and to protect the environment drives both German companies and prompted them to come to the Amanas where fostering a rural way of life and protecting the natural landscape are part of Amana’s ethos.

And with plans in place to introduce Alb-Gold pasta and Bionade soft drinks to Americans via national distribution and marketing, Peter Kowalsky,

Executive Director, Bionade International, said, “We have been searching for a Bionade production facility with conditions related to our company philosophy. I believe we have found a location for Bionade in the United States that feels like home. Amana is logistically ideal and reflects the important requirements we have been looking for, a natural landscape, educated workforce and friendly people.”

