



## **Briess reopens second malthouse**

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CHILTON, WISCONSIN— After sitting idle for three years, a malthouse in Waterloo, Wisconsin, has been re-commissioned by Briess Malt & Ingredients Co. The malthouse had been closed when supply outpaced demand for malt for beer.

“We recognized the shift in supply and demand on a global scale,” said David Kuske, Director of Malting Operations for Briess, about the decision to re-open the malthouse. “And we recognized the supply shortages this could cause to smaller, craft breweries. Our focus is the North American craft brewing industry, and we want to assure an adequate supply of specialty malts for them.”

The Waterloo malthouse is the second malting operation owned by Briess. The company’s landmark malthouse in Chilton, Wisconsin, has been operating non-stop since 1901, and is equipped with custom-designed kilning and roasting equipment to produce an extensive variety of specialty malts. The Waterloo malthouse is also equipped with specialized drying equipment.

“The Waterloo facility is unique in the flexibility it provides us,” said Briess President Chief Operating Officer Gordon Lane. “The plant is capable of producing a wide range of specialty malted products. And we’re also pleased that a number of skilled malthouse operators rejoined the company which made it possible to produce immediately after renovations were completed.”

Renovations began last year to improve efficiencies in the plant prior to its re-opening. Briess had originally acquired the Waterloo malthouse in 1995. “It would have been difficult to make these improvements when the malthouse was in full time operation,” explained Kuske.

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Briess has been family owned since 1876 when Ignatius Briess started malting barley in Moravia, Czechoslovakia, for export throughout the world. Since then Briess has transformed itself into North America's leading producer of specialty malts for the brewing industry. Briess has been an innovative and leading supplier of specialty malts to the American craft brewing industry since its inception in the 1970s.

Today Briess produces more styles of specialty malt than any malting company in the world, and owns registered trademarks for such unique specialties as Carapils® Malt, Victory® Malt, Bonlander® Malt and Ashburne® Mild Malt. Briess is also the only vertically integrated malting company in North America, making brewer's grade malt extracts from its own malt.

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