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### **Drain tile manufacturer to begin production in Mount Pleasant**

The Mount Pleasant Area Development Commission announced the arrival of a new manufacturer to Mount Pleasant in September.

Fratco/Francesville Drain Tile Company will manufacture and distribute flexible drainage tile in Mount Pleasant. The company expects to begin operations late 2011 and employ up to 12 workers within three years.

Founded in 1923, Fratco currently employs 85 people at its headquarters location in Francesville, Indiana and a second facility in Illinois.

The Mount Pleasant Area Development Commission assisted Fratco in finding an appropriate location and answering challenges related to costs and logistics.

“We’re honored that Fratco chose to continue its growth in Henry County,” said David File, President of the Mount Pleasant Area Development Commission. “The company is a great fit for the local economy and its arrival is great news for local manufacturing workers who are ready to get back to work after the recession.”

Fratco will be led locally by Chris Shirk, a veteran of the drainage tile industry. The company was able to fulfill its initial workforce needs from within Mount Pleasant and the immediate vicinity thanks to the strong work ethic and skills of local employees.

The Mount Pleasant Area Development Commission is the designated economic development organization for Mount Pleasant and Henry County. The organization’s mission is to provide a unified economic development effort that will proactively assist existing industry and commercial business in Henry County, to recruit new industry and commercial interests to the area, to facilitate a positive business climate, and to encourage development of quality-of-life amenities in the area.