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Work begins on Precision Interconnect Site

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Wilsonville may be losing Novellus Systems Inc., but it will get another industrial heavyweight, making up any lost ground and then some.

Site work is underway on what will be a 260,000-square-foot manufacturing/corporate headquarters complex for Precision Interconnect, a global supplier of cable assemblies used in medical and high-speed data applications.

"There are not a whole lot of sites with 20 acres and up to accommodate the needs of locally grown, labor intensive industries like P.I.," said developer Greg Specht.

He said the complex would accommodate nearly 900 employees.

The property is in North Wilsonville on what will be an extension of Freeman Court, west of Interstate 5 between Holiday Inn and Boeckman Road.

Precision Interconnect's plans come as Novellus Systems prepares to move to the former Oki Semiconductor plant in Tualatin's Leveton Increment District, an urban renewal area south of Tualatin Road and Highway 99W. Novellus makes machines used to apply microscopic copper wiring to integrated circuits. Currently in leased space at 26277 S.W. 95th Ave. in Wilsonville, Novellus will move to a 58-acre, industrial master-planned site where, over a decade or so, some 1.4 million square feet are expected to be developed.

Specht, owner and president of Specht Properties and Specht Development, said Precision Interconnect has signed a long-term lease for the complex.

Currently located in PacTrust's Oregon Business Park in Tigard, the firm has outgrown that space, Specht said. A phone call to a company official for

comment was not returned by press time.

Included at the Wilsonville site will be 200,000 square feet of manufacturing space, and south of that, a two-story office/headquarters complex comprising 60,000 square feet, Specht said.

Given the requirements for 980 parking spaces, landscaping, environmental allowances and water pre-treatment facilities, the entire site will be used, he added.

Joining in the project's development are Group Mackenzie of Portland, architect, and Baugh Construction Oregon of Beaverton, general contractor.

Specht said the building will be concrete tilt-up, with "a fair amount of glass."

Completion of the building is targeted for Dec. 15.

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