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Vantage Builders, Inc. completes 33,000 s/f warehouse/office for M S International

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Vantage Builders, Inc. completed a 33,000 s/f project for M S International (MSI) at 1080 University Ave.

The \$2 million project included three components: a warehouse expansion, construction of a new accessory building and the renovation and addition of the office/showroom area. MSI, the leading importer and distributor of flooring, countertop, wall tile and hardscaping products in North America, chose Vantage Bldrs. because the firm completed a previous project. The architect was Conner Design.

Vantage Bldrs. expanded MSI's existing stone slab storage warehouse by 16,000 s/f, providing much needed space for MSI to store its growing countertop slab inventory. After reviewing site options, Vantage Bldrs. built the expansion into the side of a hill adjacent to the existing warehouse. The project required a \$200,000 structurally retained foundation, which provides the necessary support for MSI's two 10-ton bridge cranes housed within the new addition.

The second phase involved the construction of a 15,000 s/f accessory warehouse building. MSI needed the new standalone facility to provide warehousing for its expanding line of porcelain tiles and landscape pavers. The project culminated with the renovation and 2,000 s/f expansion of MSI's office/product showroom area.

"Due to our existing relationship, we had a very good grasp of what MSI needed with this project," said Michael Thayer, project manager, Vantage. "We understand that our work is much more than simply constructing a new building. Our goal is to ensure that the final project helps our client advance their business goals."

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