

Science equipment maker Chemglass adding to North Mill Road facility

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VINELAND – Scientific apparatus maker Chemglass Life Sciences has approval to add warehouse and manufacturing space to its facility at 3800 N. Mill Road.

The Planning Board unanimously approved the project at its meeting Wednesday night. Chemglass owners and operators David and Philip Surdam attended but did not testify.

The undertaking is on the small side at 12,900 square feet and will service the company's electronics division. About 10,000 square feet is to expand warehouse capacity and the remainder intended for manufacturing use, company attorney Michael Fralinger said.

In March 2018, the city approved a much larger expansion at Chemglass. That project was for a 78,750-square-foot addition, nearly as large as its existing industrial facility there at the time.

The board agreed to waive restrictions on placement of loading docks, allowing two docks to be built as proposed, given the area's industrial zoning.



The Chemglass facility is on a 14.89-acre property on the west side of North Mill Road, near Weymouth Road. About 220 people are employed on the main shift.

Voting to approve the expansion were board Vice Chairman Michael Pantalone and members Robert Odorizzi, Sam Fiocchi, Sandy Velez, Christine Scarpa, and Councilman David Acosta.

Chairman David Manders recused himself from the hearing. Board member David Catalana took part but abstained from voting.

Chemglass Realty is the owner of the property, while Chemglass Life Sciences is the operator there.

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