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## Surrette Battery Company begins plant expansion and upgrades

Surrette Battery Company, manufacturer of Rolls lead acid batteries, is pleased to announce further upgrades to our manufacturing facility in Springhill, Nova Scotia. This expansion will allow us to increase production and better meet the growing requirements of our customers.

Construction is currently underway on a 600m<sup>2</sup> extension to the main manufacturing facility. This space will house additional production equipment including a new lead oxide paste mixer, pasting line as well as new plate curing chambers used to prepare the plates which make up each battery cell.

A number of further enhancements and upgrades to the current production facilities and equipment will also take place. The existing facility will see the addition of a second automatic formation unit with rectifiers, specifically used to produce our Series 5000 battery models, as well as four (4) water tables with rectifiers for our Series 4000 lines and an automatic acid filling system to minimize production delays and maximize efficiency.

Upon completion, the plant expansion and new equipment upgrades will result in a 60-80% reduction in formation times, allowing an increase in throughput of 30% or greater. An investment in state-of-the-art air scrubbers as well as a new waste water treatment plant are also under consideration to further update our ISO-registered facilities.

Surrette Battery anticipates the completion of this expansion and all new equipment operating in our production lines by March 31, 2010.

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