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Heartland BioComposites breaks ground

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Heartland BioComposites has broken ground and is looking toward a July 2006 opening in Goshen County.

Heath Van Eaton, the company's founder and president, has developed a wood-like product made of wheat straw and recycled plastics.

Van Eaton says the product will last much longer than wood products and does not have to be treated with environmentally unfriendly chemicals. Van Eaton said there would be no adverse effects on air or water.

Van Eaton chose Wyoming to build his company because of the state's low taxes, a good-quality work force and low utility rates when compared to metropolitan areas.

Coperion Corp. of Ramsey, N.J., whose parent company is in Germany, has helped Van Eaton refine his product.

"They are one of the equipment suppliers, and process and engineering groups for us," said John Mitchell, vice president of Heartland.

Most banks in Torrington and several in Scottsbluff, Neb., have invested in the company. It also has grants from the state of Wyoming and other investors.

Van Eaton has been working with Goshen County Economic Development Director Brad Sutherland for three years to get the company going.

Van Eaton said he is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to develop pallets for foods to be stored and shipped on.

The wood pallets used now can carry bacteria, which can be spread to the food.

At the outset, Heartland will hire 30 to 40 employees, with the hope of staffing up to 75 people in the near future.

Spin-off companies across Wyoming have contacted Van Eaton about possibly coming to Torrington. He said it would be a great spot for a plastics recycler or similar companies.

Van Eaton has been working with the Wyoming Wheat Growers Association and will take wheat straw for his operations.

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"It's first come, first serve," Van Eaton said.

He plans to use 15,000-plus tons of wheat straw a year to begin and expects that amount to increase over time.

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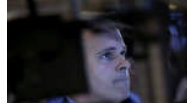
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