

**LUCIFER LIGHTING CELEBRATES 25-YEAR MILESTONE, MOVES TO NEW & EXPANDED HEADQUARTERS**

San Antonio-based Lucifer Lighting Company has relocated to a 13-acre campus that was formerly the site of the Pace® Picante Sauce plant.

The 60,000-sq.-ft. building houses the corporate headquarters as well as all of Lucifer Lighting's manufacturing operations. With furniture, workspaces, and other interior features designed by the internationally acclaimed design firm Gensler, the company is pursuing certification for the facility under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) building rating system created by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Showcasing Lucifer's newest lighting products, the factory will also serve as a study center for environmentally friendly and ergonomic work conditions and a museum-quality collection of post-modern and contemporary art.

The new building was officially dedicated with a VIP reception on November 3, which also celebrated the company's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Attendees at the opening included San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, community and political leaders, and some of the nation's top commercial and residential designers. The event featured an unusual ribbon-cutting ceremony that incorporated LED technology. Later, guests received product demonstrations and facility tours.

The site was acquired by Lucifer in 2004 when the company recognized that to sustain its growth, it needed to move to a larger space. Determined to observe the green ideals of nature and preservation, chairman and CEO Gilbert Lang Mathews worked closely with the architect and design team to make the offices and factory environmentally friendly, while maintaining the integrity of the original structures.

"We are very proud of our new space and the promise it holds for us to advance lighting technologies in our industry," Mathews says. "As Lucifer Lighting continues to grow, the buildings will become more than a physical location for our work. Our new campus will showcase our entrepreneurial spirit and our commitment to making a difference for the future of lighting. It is



a highlight of my life to celebrate this growth of our business with my friends and the greater community. We look forward to the continued success of our products in domestic and overseas markets," he adds.

"Lucifer Lighting Company's green initiative is a great step forward for San Antonio. I congratulate Gilbert and his team on their efforts and wish them luck as they pursue LEED certification," notes Mayor Hardberger. "This new facility proves that a sustainable approach to design can also be practical and profitable by reducing energy and operating costs, enhancing workplace performance, and ultimately improving the bottom line."

*One big happy family! Celebrating Lucifer's new digs and landmark anniversary are (from left to right): Ben and Suzanne Mathews, San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, plus Roselyn, Gilbert, and Alexandra Mathews.*



Guests at the celebration enjoyed a musical performance from a local mariachi band.