

Labelmaker UPM Raflatac opens plant in Illinois, April 4th 2008

A Finnish manufacturer of self-adhesive labels has opened a \$100 million manufacturing plant in Dixon, Ill., setting up a Midwestern hub as part of a \$270 million global expansion program.

UPM Raflatac said Thursday that the Dixon facility covers 60 acres and will employ 180 people. The company makes self-adhesive labels for consumer packaging and mail and prints labels with bar codes and radio-frequency identification, or RFID, chips that are used for inventory and shipping. UPM has similar plants in Poland and China. In North America, the company has operations based in North Carolina, California and Pennsylvania. UPM generated \$1.4 billion in sales in 2007.