

## **Hunt Midwest**

# **PRESS RELEASE**

### Lanter Distributing Expands its Hunt Midwest SubTropolis Footprint to 126,000 Square Feet

Refrigerated LTL and trucking company consolidates multiple warehouses into one centrally located facility

Kansas City, Mo. — November 7, 2017 — Lanter Distributing LLC, a leading national distributor of multi-temperature products, has expanded to 126,000 square feet in SubTropolis to consolidate its regional operations into a single warehouse and distribution facility within the world's largest underground business complex.

"Hunt Midwest is happy to announce another company has chosen to locate a regional distribution center within SubTropolis," said Hunt Midwest President and CEO Ora Reynolds. "Time and again, companies from a wide range of industries – including third party logistics, animal health and automotive upfitters – perform their due diligence and ultimately choose SubTropolis for its location, efficiency, and value proposition."

Based in Madison, Ill., Lanter Distributing provides freight consolidation, pool distribution and LTL deliveries for meat, candy, beverage, dairy, pharmaceutical, medical supplies, health and beauty, and other CPG manufacturers. Its assetbased LTL service area spans the greater Midwest, South, Southeast and Southwest with multi-temperature facilities in Kansas City, Madison, Ill., Chicago, Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Atlanta and Dallas.

"The building in SubTropolis perfectly matched our requirement of dry and refrigerated storage facilities. The customized space, combined with the central location, enables Lanter to continue to provide customers with an industry-leading, cost-efficient, multi-temperature logistics solution while offering on-time deliveries and exceptional service," said Lanter Distributing Vice President Ryan Behrmann. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with Hunt Midwest and growing our business within SubTropolis."

Lanter Distributing's expansion brings Hunt Midwest's total logistics footprint to well over one million square feet. A total of eight 3PL companies have chosen to locate in SubTropolis or Hunt Midwest Business Center, including Advanced Logistics Fulfillment (ALF), American Central Transport (ACT), FW Warehousing, Ground Freight Expeditors, Hallmark Cards, Paris Brothers, and Rossi Motor Freight.

"We are seeing a 'cluster effect' of 3PL companies in SubTropolis and our surface business park, Hunt Midwest Business Center," said Mike Bell, Hunt Midwest vice president of commercial development. "These companies are looking for access to labor and logistics to fuel their growth.

Lanter initially leased 21,000 square feet in SubTropolis for dry and refrigerated warehouse and distribution space in 2012. With more than six million square feet of contiguous underground space available, and the potential to develop an additional eight million square feet, SubTropolis offers utmost flexibility to accommodate growing companies.

"The ability to quickly and easily scale operations is often top-of-mind for growing companies, and we are able to deliver space in SubTropolis in a timely manner because there are no weather delays or lengthy permitting processes," Bell added.



#### **About Hunt Midwest**

Hunt Midwest is a full-service real estate development company with a focus on industrial, commercial, retail, mission critical, multifamily, senior living and residential real estate. Its portfolio is anchored by SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex. Hunt Midwest is a Kansas City-based, privately held company owned by the Lamar Hunt family. The Hunt family business is a diverse portfolio of entities involved in real estate, sports/media, energy/ resources, private equity and investments. Marquee entities include the Kansas City Chiefs, Hunt Midwest, Hunt Southwest, FC Dallas Soccer Club, Toyota Stadium, Chicago Bulls and United Center.

#### About SubTropolis

As the world's largest underground business complex, SubTropolis sets the standard for subsurface business developments. SubTropolis was created through the mining of a 270-million-year-old limestone deposit creating a 1,200-acre real estate development. In the mining process, limestone is removed by the room and pillar method, leaving 25-foot square pillars that are on 65-foot centers and 40 feet apart. SubTropolis is home to more than 55 local, regional, national and international companies that employ in excess of 1,600 people.

#### **About Lanter Distributing**

Established and founded by Wayne E Lanter, "Lanter" has been a recognized name in the LTL temp-controlled distribution industry since the early '70s. On April 1, 2012, Lanter Distributing separated away from its previous owner and is now a family-owned and operated asset-based LTL/TL refrigerated carrier. Bill Behrmann and sons, Eric, Ryan, Adam and Kyle, purchased the company from OHL. Today, Lanter Distributing specializes in warehousing and distributing temperature sensitive goods, along with a variety of other items, to retail and wholesale customers.

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