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Enza Zaden USA begins Salinas' addition

Enza Zaden USA recently broke ground on a new 24,400-square-foot addition to its existing facility with the support of Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects and general contractor Ausonio Incorporated.

The international seed company's commercial facility will more than double in size and includes temperature and humidity controlled rooms for storing seeds.

Between 2010-2015, Enza Zaden USA doubled the number of employees working in Salinas, and the new addition will bring them together under one roof. The additional space will also support expanded seed cleaning, treatment, cold storage and packaging processes.

Enza Zaden began its subsidiary in Salinas in 2000 focusing on lettuce seeds, and its product line has grown to include herbs, spinach and arugula seeds.

Monterey hotel receives LEED recertification

Portola Hotel & Spa has completed the recertification process. The hotel participated in the USGBC's Recertification Beta Pilot Program, which has a specific team focused on the hospitality industry.

Portola is the first Beta participant coming from the EBOM 2008 rating system and hotel to undergo the recertification process.

Portola Hotel has invested in a new set of initiatives to guarantee its already existing superior "green" hospitality including almost 20-percent of employees commute using alternative forms of transportation; native and adaptive plants that are drought-tolerant and provide habitat; all refrigerants containing CFCs have been phased out; and more.

The hotel is also diverting approximately 78-percent of waste from landfills and conducts an annual waste audit to identify areas that can be approved.

Cruzio named Small Business of 2015 for Assembly District 29

Assemblyman Mark Stone (D-Monterey Bay) has awarded locally-owned and operated Internet service provider Cruzio with the 2015 Small Business of the Year designation for the 29th Assembly District.

Cruzio serves more than 9,000 businesses and homes in Santa Cruz County, making it one of the largest independent ISPs in the state.

It was co-founded by **Peggy Dolgenos** and **Chris Neklason**, both of whom continue to own and operate the company.