



## Celgard Breaks Ground at International Business Park



Celgard, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Polypore International, Inc., and a leading supplier of microporous separators used in lithium-ion batteries, has broken ground on property at the International Business Park at Concord.

The new facility will allow Celgard to expand its separator production capacity to support increasing demand in the electric drive vehicle (EDV) market. Its separators are also used in products ranging from digital cameras to laptop computers to cell phones.

“We expect to complete the construction of the new building in the second half of next year, and we are very pleased with our location in the International Business Park” said Mitch Pulwer, Vice President and General Manager of Celgard. “Much of the site grading was already complete, helping us to move faster with construction. The location along I-85 in the Charlotte market was a strong determining factor for our decision to choose the IBP.”

Celgard plans to build a 150,000 square-foot manufacturing facility. Currently, the firm occupies space in Charlotte, which they are also expanding. The total expansion between the Charlotte facility and the International Business Park is projected to create more than 200 new jobs.

According to Bryan Crutcher, who brokered the deal on behalf of the International Business Park, Celgard is a major new partner for the Park.

“Celgard is a premier addition to the IBP,” said Crutcher, First Vice President, CB Richard Ellis. “Green energy is a growing sector for the Charlotte market, and the developers of the IBP are very interested in helping grow this industry in the region.”

Anne Johnson, Senior Vice President, CB Richard Ellis also represented the International Business Park.

## Highlights From the Celgard Groundbreaking Ceremony

Celgard LLC, a leading supplier of microporous separators used in lithium-ion batteries, has broken ground on property in the International Business Park at Concord. The ceremony took place on September 2nd, 2010.

The highlights of the ceremony include remarks by Bob Toth, CEO of Polypore International; Mitch Pulwer, VP and General Manager of Celgard; North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco; and Bryan Moorehead, VP of Manufacturing for Celgard.

[Click here to view ceremony highlights on YouTube.](#)

## DNP IMS Announces Expansion Plans

DNP IMS America Corp, a printing-technology company, recently announced plans to expand in the International Business Park at Concord. The company plans to create 37 jobs and invest \$24.8 million during the next three years. The project was made possible in part by an \$80,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

DNP IMS America Corp. is a 100 percent U.S. subsidiary of Dai Nippon Printing Co. and has operated a facility in the International Business Park since 1995.

For more information, [click here](#).

## Energy Sector a Growing Point of Emphasis in Charlotte Market

The Celgard announcement is the latest in a string of news coming out of the Charlotte region in the past year that continues to show the importance of the sector in the market.

This emerging industry is quickly finding Charlotte to be an ideal location. North Carolina is ranked by Site Selection Magazine as one of the top 5 states for the alternative energy sector, and industry heavyweights in the region include Duke Energy, AREVA, Fluor Corp, Parsons, Shaw Power Group, URS/Washington Group, Westinghouse, Siemens and Toshiba America Nuclear Energy.

For more about energy and the environment in the Charlotte market, [click here](#).

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