

Cemex USA buys aggregates quarry outside Fort Worth

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Houston-based Cemex USA has acquired an aggregates quarry in Chico from Blue Star Materials II, positioning the company for expansion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The 122-acre site and quarry plant is about 45 miles northwest of Fort Worth in Wise County and has more than 25 years of limestone reserves. The plant will supply aggregates for roads, bridges, commercial buildings, housing and other developments in the north Texas area.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The deal gives Cemex USA a fifth Texas aggregates operation in addition to others in Houston, Spring, Katy and New Braunfels.

"The Dallas-Fort Worth area is expected to grow exponentially over the next 30 years," Cemex USA regional president—Texas and New Mexico region Joel Galassini said in an announcement. "By acquiring a quarry that's currently-operational, we can start contributing to that growth almost immediately and bring Cemex's strong network along with our expertise to projects in the Metroplex."

Cemex, a global building materials provider based in Monterrey, Mexico, has been operating in the U.S. for almost 100 years.

In Texas, Cemex has a central cement plant, close to 10 distribution terminals, five aggregates operations and nearly 30 ready-mix plants. The U.S. network includes 11 cement plants, more than 50 distribution terminals, 50 aggregate quarries and nearly 270 ready-mix concrete plants.