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OHM International to build new Nashville warehouse

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OHM International, a granite and marble supplier currently located on Space Park South Drive in Antioch, will soon open a new facility about three miles south on Bakertown Road.

According to a building permit issued Wednesday to **T.W. Frierson, Inc.**, OHM will soon call a new 66,000-square-foot warehouse home. The building is estimated to cost \$5.2 million.

OHM International, based in New Jersey, opened its 78,000-square-foot warehouse in 2004. OHM has leased that building, but will own their new location which, like their existing space, is directly off Interstate 24.

“We decided to build our own building so we can provide customers with a better environment when (it) comes to hand-selecting natural stone slabs for their project. We will have (a) better location, a larger showroom area, better lighting, etc.,” said Andress Rigon, manager of the Nashville location. “Our new facility is a build-to-suit, therefore a much more efficient and safer environment, making us a better business.”

Rigon said OHM is hopeful the new location, which will include 2,500 square feet of showroom space, will be open by December 2010. Despite being a smaller building, Rigon said the new facility will remain the largest supplier of marble and granite in Tennessee.

In addition to homeowners, the store caters to architects, designers and builders, featuring 10,000 slabs of stone in stock. Business, Rigon said, has been improving, particularly over the last six months.

According to the building permit, T.W. Frierson will initially build a shell for a 5,200-square-foot office on the second floor, though the office space will require a second building permit and will be constructed later.

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