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U.S. Lumber Group to expand in Harford County with big lease

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U.S. Lumber Group will soon expand its regional distribution center in Aberdeen to Joppa, company officials said.

The lumber giant recently signed a lease for 258,000 square feet of space in a warehouse formerly occupied by Procter & Gamble at 1805 Fashion Court in Joppa.



U.S. Lumber is leasing 1805 Fashion Court in Harford County.

That site, located off of Interstate 95 in Harford County, is populated with commercial and industrial warehouse space.

Procter & Gamble had occupied the warehouse for a cosmetics and fragrance distribution center since the mid-1990s. The company sold the warehouse in 2014 for \$11.65 million and moved out at the end of 2015 as part of a consolidation effort with other P&G warehouse space in nearby Belcamp.

The warehouse space is owned by MCB Real Estate and One Liberty Properties (NYSE: OLP).

Benjamin Meisels of JLL represented the building's owners and Scott Skogmo, of Chesapeake Real Estate Group, represented U.S. Lumber Group.

U.S. Lumber Group had outgrown its current 114,608-square-foot warehouse in Aberdeen at 504 Advantage Way, company officials said. It will move at the end of March. In addition to the larger warehouse, the new location will allow for outdoor storage space.

The Atlanta-based company has eight distribution centers in the mid-Atlantic and South and supplies lumber and millwork such as cedar shakes, columns and moulding to contractors in 14 states.