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Giant hhgregg warehouse in Md. hits the market as chain downsizes

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Weeks after appliance chain hhgregg announced it was closing 88 stores nationwide, 10 in Maryland, a 393,000-square-foot suburban Maryland distribution center and warehouse leased by the company has hit the market.

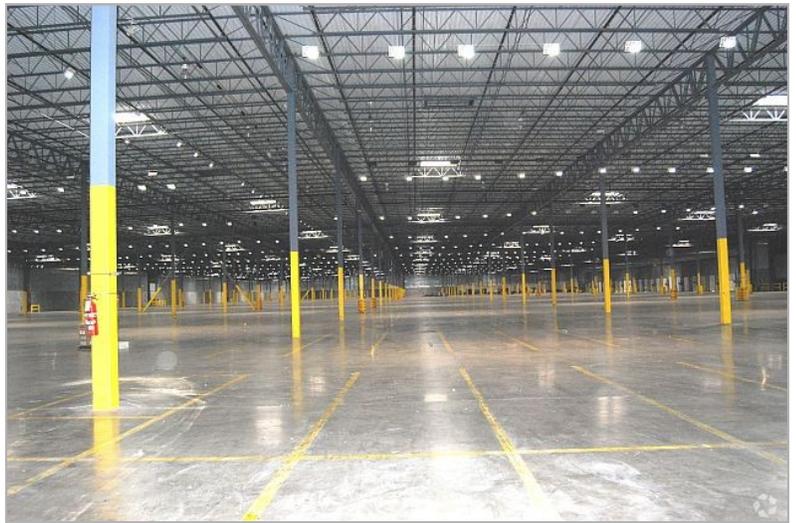
Indianapolis-based hhgregg's (NYSE: HGG) inventory stretched out in the sprawling facility it leased in Brandywine in Prince George's County. The warehouse is 14301 Mattawoman Dr. just off of Route 301. The building was first developed in 1998 for another appliance and electronics company, Circuit City, that also struggled and eventually shut down operations in 2009.

hhgregg's announcement on March 2 that it was downsizing meant stores in Catonsville, Hanover, Bel Air, Towson, Annapolis and Glen Burnie would shut down in the Baltimore area. About 1,500 employees will be impacted and the moves are expected to be completed by April, company officials said.

The company's distribution center is among the largest bulk distribution facilities to become available on the Interstate 95 corridor between Washington and Baltimore, said Matt Laraway executive vice president of Chesapeake Real Estate Group, the broker leasing the property.

The facility sits on a 29-acre parcel and has 49 docking bays and 13,000 square feet of office space. It will be available after June 1.

"We see continued demand for bulk warehouse space throughout the Baltimore-Washington, D.C.-Northern Virginia corridor, especially in the e-commerce category as retailers strive to keep pace with the steady rise of Internet shopping and respond to the consumer requirement of immediate shipping," Laraway said, in a statement.



The Brandywine distribution center for troubled appliance and electronics company hhgregg will be available June 1.

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“The overall pace of new warehouse construction has slowed due to the scarcity of available land, making existing product with suitable ceiling heights and loading configurations increasingly valuable.”

Two other distribution centers leased by hhgregg in Philadelphia and Miami will also be vacated, hhgregg officials said.

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