# Peterlin Distributing upgrades warehouse lights to increase energy efficiency, cost savings

CALUMET, Mich. — **Peterlin Distributing** is upgrading the lighting in its 34,000-square-foot warehouse by installing energy-efficient LED bulbs that will save energy and cut costs. The new bulbs are energy-star rated and are expected to last 15-20 years before they need to be replaced.

"Our switch to LED bulbs aligns with our goals to protect our Great Lakes and strengthen our business by reducing energy costs," said **Ferdinand Peterlin**, president of Peterlin Distributing. "We hope to set an industry standard by modernizing our warehouse lighting to be both environmentally-friendly and cost-efficient. By upgrading our lights, we are supporting Michigan businesses, reducing energy pollution and increasing our energy independence."

The warehouse's 8-foot, two-lamp T12 fluorescents are being replaced with 4-foot, 18-watt LED T8 bulbs, which come with a 50,000-hour rating. The switch will cut down on 80,000 pounds of CO2 per year. It will take just 18 months for the bulbs to pay for themselves given the energy they will save.

The new lighting will also increase the brightness of Peterlin's work areas. The project began Monday and is expected to be completed Friday.

Peterlin contracted Blue Terra Energy, based in Hancock, Mich., to install the new lights. Ferdinand Peterlin said the distributorship chose to work with a Michigan-based business to cut down on the carbon footprint associated with shipping the lights across distances.

Founded in 1939, Peterlin Distributing employs 16 people in good-paying jobs. Peterlin distributes Anheuser-Busch InBev, MillerCoors, Pabst, Red Bull, and over 10 Michigan craft breweries and wine to over 250 retail outlets in seven counties across the Upper Peninsula.

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