

Area business fully operational again

Warehouse, bagging area at Great Lakes Calcium had been heavily damaged by fire

Great Lakes Calcium is fully operational again following last December's fire at its warehouse and bagging area.

Great Lakes Calcium is a limestone-processing facility that supplies custom minerals throughout the Midwest.

As part of the rebuilding process, new equipment was installed, which has led to improvements benefitting both the business and its customers.

The fire was started by a faulty air compressor in the warehouse and bagging area, causing \$2 million in damage. No one was

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injured in the blaze.

Within a few weeks, much of Great Lakes

Calcium's operations were back to normal and the firm never missed keeping the customers supplied with product.

“The last piece of our rebuilding effort is now in place, and that's our new bagging equipment,” said Shari Aleksy, President of Great Lakes Calcium. “The new bagging technology improves manufacturing accuracy and gives us great flexibility, which is a direct benefit to our customers.”

In addition, by the end of 2009, the company will begin producing redesigned bags, starting with its agricultural line.

“While a fire is never something a business wants to deal with, in our case, there are good things that came from it,” Aleksy said. “We've been able to continue operating while rebuilding and adding new equipment that allows us to better serve our customers.”