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*This is a rendering of the brand new, 20,000-square-foot pre-engineered steel building with standing seam roof. More impervious to fire based on the materials used, the building includes manufacturing areas, a warehouse, office space and room for future build-out of mezzanine offices or workspace.*

## After Fire Destroys Family Manufacturing Business, The Hamstra Group Tapped to Build New Steel Structure

**I**t's the nightmare that haunts many business owners. One day everything is just fine, the next something horrifying occurs that requires all their stamina to endure.

That's what happened to Watt Trucking, Inc., a Kentland, Indiana, family-owned and operated business. The company's facilities were destroyed by fire in February 2013. Now, the business has a new home built by The Hamstra Group.

Watt Trucking has moved into a brand new, 20,000 square-foot pre-engineered steel building with standing seam roof. More impervious to fire based on the materials used, the structure includes manufacturing areas, a warehouse, office space and room for future build-out of mezzanine offices or workspace. On the exterior, the office area is accented with split-face masonry block.

Construction began last spring and was completed in November. The Hamstra Group's Curt Albertson served as project manager, with an assist from job superintendent Ryon Klemp. Located at 304 North Fairgrounds Road in Kentland, the new structure is not constructed

of wood (as was the former facility, which consisted of three separate buildings) and it has brought all operations under one roof.

The single-structure update will lead to increased efficiency, according to company president Luanne Watt. At the helm of this family business, Watt was happy to get the firm moved out of leased facilities and into the new Hamstra-designed building.

"The Hamstra Group was so good to work with," says Watt. "They understood our needs, our timetable, our budget—in fact, the company was extraordinary in their efforts to build us exactly what we wanted."

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Watt Trucking was eager to get back to business in the new headquarters. The company is a specialist in the manufacture of component parts, including fenders ([www.wti-fenders.com](http://www.wti-fenders.com)), side boxes, tanks and other add-ons for the trucking industry, as well as machines for the ceramic industry, lawn care industry and other businesses with unique needs.

The Hamstra Group is a family business, too—and getting a fellow company up and running again was a special project for the firm.

“We listened carefully to what they said they needed and wanted,” says Albertson. “We’re delighted that they’re happy and that the new Watt Trucking building will be more accommodating, more efficient, and, of course, more resistant to tragedies like fires.”



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## Our New Year's Message

The new year is traditionally a time of reflection, when we look back at what we've accomplished and ahead with hope and promise for the future. It's also an opportunity to appreciate our own blessings and share some of what we have with those less fortunate.

As a business, we have a lot for which to be grateful...our dedicated, hardworking employees, our outstanding building team partners, our supportive corporate friends and, of course, our loyal clients, without whom we would not exist.

On behalf of the entire Hamstra Group staff, we hope you had a safe and happy holiday season and send all good wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2015.



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