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### **Yoghurt Plant Construction Set to Begin**

Cortland, NY – Byrne Dairy has exercised its option with the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency to purchase the Finger Lakes East business park in the town of Cortlandville, clearing the way for site work to begin there later this month.

Initial project work will include excavation as well as foundation and steel work. The plant should be operational by spring 2014.

Byrne is purchasing the 127-acre shovel-ready park completed by the IDA just last year. It intends to build a 40,000 square-foot manufacturing facility housing a new Greek Yoghurt plant as well as an artisan cheese facility. The new plant is expected to create 78 new jobs over a five years period, with expansions likely over the next six to eight years.

The company has also purchased the adjacent Osbeck Farm, which it will transform into a “show farm” and retail center for Byrne Products.

Byrne Dairy will offer tours of its facilities, and is also planning a tourism component to the operation complete with an amphitheater for infrequent concerts and performances.