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Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Held for Agile Cold Storage
*State-of-the-Art Facility in Pearl River Reflects Impressive Investment in St. Tammany's
Supply Chain and Logistics Sector*

PEARL RIVER, LA – This morning, executive representatives as well as state and local officials gathered for a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on the newest state-of-the-art facility acquired by the cold storage company Agile Cold Storage. Welcoming remarks were given by Ti Cold Account Manager Logan Stuller and CEO and President Sam Tippman. Chris Masingill, CEO of St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation (St. Tammany EDC) provided introductions for Louisiana Economic Development Chief Engagement Officer,

Rachel Shields, St. Tammany Parish President Mike Cooper, Pearl River Mayor Pro Tempore Tim Moray, and Chief Business Development Officer of GNO Inc., Grady Fitzpatrick. Agile's Chief Development Officer John Ripple and the organizations President and CEO Don Schoenl provided closing remarks before the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony took place.

"Agile Cold Storage's decision to invest in St. Tammany Parish highlights the distinct logistical and geographical connectivity Louisiana offers to businesses that support the nation's supply chains," said **Louisiana Economic Development Secretary Susan Bonnett Bourgeois**. "This development is a significant win for the Northshore, our state's economy, and Louisiana's workforce."

A diversified storage and logistics solutions company serving North American food manufacturers, processors and growers, Agile Cold Storage has invested \$45.9 million to construct its new 121,600 square-foot cold storage facility in St. Tammany Parish. Design and construction of this project was overseen by the engineering firm Ti Cold. Agile is currently developing their workforce at this facility with the expectation and capacity to reach up to 100 direct new jobs.

"Agile Cold Storage's location in Pearl River—strategically situated near Interstates 10, 12, and 59—underscores our message that St. Tammany is the premier logistics and distribution hub in the Gulf South," said **Chris Masingill, CEO of St. Tammany EDC**. "Agile is a nationally respected and rapidly growing company, and we're proud that their leadership recognizes the strengths of our skilled workforce and supportive business climate. We look forward to working with their team as they make St. Tammany their home for business."

Located in the historic St. Joe Brick area of Pearl River, the facility sits at the crossroads of tradition and innovation—where a legacy of local enterprise meets modern logistics infrastructure. This strategic site offers proximity to major transportation corridors and is well-positioned to serve both regional and international markets through the nearby Port of New Orleans. Agile Cold Storage's investment not only enhances the region's reputation as a logistics and distribution hub but also builds on the area's longstanding role in supporting business growth and economic opportunity.

"Agile Cold Storage is the kind of business we're excited to welcome to Pearl River—a growing logistics and distribution company offering strong, well-paying jobs," said **Pearl River Mayor Joe Lee**. "Their choice to invest in our town and prioritize local hiring is a powerful indicator of progress. This project is an ideal match for our community's economic growth."

"Agile Cold Storage's investment directly impacts St. Tammany Parish's families by creating jobs and stimulating our economy," said **St. Tammany Parish President Mike Cooper**. "This is the kind of business that we pursue for our community: one that supports our citizens' values and wants to create a positive future for our community. We're honored to welcome Agile Cold Storage to our community and are excited to see their prosperity."

With cutting-edge change from automation to technology and temperature-controlled environments, the Pearl River facility is designed to meet the evolving needs of the global food supply chain. The company's emphasis on operational efficiency and sustainable practices further strengthens its role as a next-generation leader in cold storage solutions. As Agile continues to grow its footprint in St. Tammany, its presence marks a major milestone in the parish's broader strategy to attract advanced logistics and manufacturing enterprises.

"Agile Cold Storage's investment reflects the region's prime location, well-developed infrastructure, and the exciting potential of the Louisiana International Terminal," said **Michael Hecht, President and CEO of Greater New Orleans, Inc.** "This facility enhances St. Tammany Parish's growing role in the global logistics sector while also bringing much-needed cold storage capacity to support our region's expanding food manufacturing industry"

Founded in 2020 and based in Gainesville, Georgia, Agile Cold Storage helps food producers prepare fresh food for transport by blast-freezing and packing it for shipment to its ultimate destination. Through automated, multi-temperature, and conventional warehousing and logistics support, Agile offers customized cold storage solutions for a variety of clients across the country. The company expects to transport approximately 100 containers of food shipments from its new Pearl River facility to the Port of New Orleans for export every week.

"We're thrilled to be opening this remarkable facility in St. Tammany Parish," said **Don Schoenl, President and CEO of Agile Cold Storage.** "We'd like to thank the community of Pearl River for welcoming us, as well as the team at St. Tammany EDC for the integral part they played in ensuring the success of this project."

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About St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation: As the lead economic development organization for St. Tammany, St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation (St. Tammany EDC) serves as the comprehensive resource center for business services throughout the parish. St. Tammany EDC's services include business retention, site selection, workforce development, research and data services, state and local incentives, business attraction, talent retention, certified site development, relocation support, and marketing St. Tammany. Since the organization's launch in 2018, St. Tammany EDC facilitated business expansion and attraction announcements representing over \$291.9 million in capital investment and 2,299 new and retained jobs in St. Tammany Parish. For more information about St. Tammany EDC, please visit stttammanyedc.org.

About Agile Cold Storage: Headquartered in Gainesville, Georgia, Agile Cold Storage offers diversified storage and logistics solutions customized to fit client needs. The company aims to deliver better, faster and more cost-efficient supply chain solutions while maintaining a commitment to upholding the highest level of customer service. Focusing on safety and service, Agile partners with North American food manufacturers, processors and growers in need of temperature-controlled warehouses to service their customers and brings proven technologies and flexible problem-solving to assist in resolving supply chain challenges. Learn more at AgileColdStorage.com.

About Ti Cold: Ti Cold is known as a specialty, award-winning industrial cold storage builder and developer with decades of experience in designing and building state-of-the-art facilities. They utilize time-honed expertise and

advanced technology solutions to create efficient buildings that scale with a business and maximize profitability by fully integrating operations and supply chain. Ti Cold provides a full suite of cold storage construction and development services, including master site planning and operations guidance. Their consulting services help companies navigate the unique challenges associated with a rapidly changing industry. Ti Cold has offices in Florida and Indiana but makes an impact across the United States. More information can be found at ticold.com.

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