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Walco to lease space in Visalia

Staff reports

Walco International, a major distributor of animal health products to dairy operators, veterinarians and retailers, has signed a lease to occupy 68,000 square feet of distribution space in the Visalia industrial park.

The company is consolidating its Tulare and Fresno offices at the new center in Visalia.

"Walco International is the largest animal health product distributor in North America, and Visalia provides a strategic location for the distribution of our products throughout the West coast," operations vice president Mark Gray said in a statement.

The announcement was made by The Allen Group, owner and developer of the space Walco agreed to lease.

The Allen Group will do some customizing of the space before turning it over to Walco in March, said David Hernandez, who is the director of commercial construction for the company.

Walco International has more than 60 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada, with seven of those in California.

It purchases pharmaceuticals, equipment, biological and feed additive products from virtually all major U.S.-based manufacturers and distributes them to commercial animal food processors, veterinarians and retail dealers.

The company also distributes products for pets to veterinarians and retail dealers.