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Grand Opening of Colas Solutions Technology Center

The new Colas Solutions Technology Center in Cincinnati, Ohio was officially opened on June 1st with an Open House attended by nearly 80 people. Louis Gabanna, Georges Ausseil and James Weeks assisted Roger Hayner in cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening. In addition to a host of internal people, there were also many representatives from industry including vendors, suppliers, Agency officials, University Representatives and customers.

The Technology Center features a new 3,300 square foot addition for emulsions & binder testing on the lower floor and a state-of-the-art conference room capable of accommodating up to 88 people on the upper floor. This new addition combines with the former NACTECH lab, henceforth to be known together as the Colas Solutions Technology Center. The Center now has the ability to do testing of emulsions, asphalt mixtures (hot, warm & cold), aggregates, soils and liquid asphalt (binders) all in one location.



The new section of the lab dedicated to emulsions and binders is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, including a Dalworth lab mill and a particle size analyzer, among others. The emulsion lab mill can produce all types of asphalt emulsions with the capabilities to mimic the actual US production facility operations, thereby facilitating new product design and evaluation. Lab Director Jean Paul Fort and his team are already in the process of extending existing AMRL certification to include binders and emulsions.