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Aeppler Group Confirms Successful Launch of \$150 Million Waco Expansion

Strategic logistics center "AB-TIC" sets new standards in technology, sustainability, and efficiency.

WACO, Texas – January 24, 2026 – The Aeppler Group announced today that the development of its new technology and logistics center in Waco, Texas (AB-TIC), has reached key financial and operational milestones. With an investment volume of \$150 million—the largest single investment in the company's history—the project remains exactly within the projected budget and is already 95% capitalized.

David Miller, Chief Financial Officer of the Aeppler Group, emphasized the location's strategic importance: "The AB-TIC is far more than just a logistics hub. It is a profit center designed to secure market leadership in the North American 'Grain Belt' through technological innovation and massive efficiency gains."

Key Investment Areas

The Aeppler Group has strategically allocated capital into three future-oriented sectors:

- **High-Tech Infrastructure (\$65M):** Construction of a high-performance logistics hub featuring automated grain terminals and specialized hydrogen infrastructure.
- **Research & Development (\$45M):** Establishment of state-of-the-art robotics laboratories for the development of "cobots" (collaborative robots) and IoT sensor technology.
- **Green Fleet (\$40M):** Modernization of the fleet through HVO100-compatible vehicles and pilot heavy-duty trucks powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

Operational Excellence and Sustainability

The project is already demonstrating significant success in operational efficiency and environmental protection:

- **Cost Reduction via AI:** Algorithmic routing has reduced empty runs (deadhead miles) by 30%, resulting in projected annual savings of \$12 million in fuel and personnel costs.
- **Surpassing Environmental Goals:** The Waco pilot zone has already achieved a 40% reduction in CO2 emissions. This success qualified the project for \$25 million in "Green Bonds," further strengthening the Group's financial sustainability.
- **Innovation:** The center has filed 12 patents in the field of data integration, with a future licensing value estimated at approximately \$15 million.

Outlook

Thanks to predictive maintenance systems and a solid hedging strategy against volatile energy markets, the Aeppler Group projects positive cash flow from Waco operations by the third quarter of 2027.

"The expansion into Waco is fiscally sound and strategically crucial. We are not just spending capital—we are securing dominance in North American agricultural logistics for the next 20 years."

— David Miller, CFO Aeppler Group
