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OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — Global consumer products maker Unilever is planning a \$152 million expansion of its margarine and spreads plant in northeast Kansas.

The Kansas City Star reports (<http://bit.ly/13Prs32> [1]) the project announced Tuesday will double the size of the plant at the New Century AirCenter industrial park in Olathe (oh-LAY'-thuh).

About 170 people now work at the plant, which makes such products as Country Crock, Promise, Imperial spreads. Unilever says it will hire 100 additional employees when the expansion is complete.

Unilever makes personal care, home care and food products, including Axe deodorants, Lipton tea and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. The company is headquartered in London and the Netherlands and has more than 173,000 employees worldwide, including 10,000 in the U.S.

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