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Missouri Institute of Natural Science to Break Ground on New Addition

Springfield, MO – At noon on June 16th, 2015, the Missouri Institute of Natural Science (MINS) will break ground on a new addition, doubling the size of the current museum building. The public is welcome to attend this groundbreaking ceremony.

Thanks in large part to an anonymous donor, this new addition will allow MINS to double the display area for fossils and minerals currently in the collection. The highlight of this added display will be Henry the triceratops, recovered by members of the excavation crew for MINS. Other additions will include an expansive display of Oligocene mammals from the White River badlands in South Dakota.

The projected date of completion for the new addition will be mid-October of 2015, but the restoration of Henry the triceratops will take a bit longer.

Additional funding and/or donations will be needed to achieve all of the construction goals the organization hopes to achieve. Contributions can be made in person at the facility located at 2327 W. Farm Road 190, Springfield, MO, or through Paypal on the website http://www.monatsci.org.

In addition to exhibit space, this expansion will also allow volunteers at the museum to host field trips and educational presentations in a larger venue. This venue is also available as reserved meeting space for private events.

To learn more about the Missouri Institute of Natural Science, visit <u>http://www.monatsci.org/</u>.

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