

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of PropertyHistoric name: Chicago Mica Co. / Continental Diamond Fibre Co. / ANCO FactoryOther names/site number: Journeyman DistilleryName of related multiple property listing: N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. LocationStreet & number: 350 South Campbell StreetCity or town: ValparaisoState: IndianaCounty: PorterNot For Publication: ☐Vicinity: ☐**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

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Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private: ☒

Public – Local ☐

Public – State ☐

Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s) ☒

District ☐

Site ☐

Structure ☐

Object ☐

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

INDUSTRY/manufacturing facility

INDUSTRY/warehouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCIAL/business

COMMERCIAL/restaurant

AGRICULTURE/processing

AGRICULTURE/storage

INDUSTRY/manufacturing facility

TRANSPORTATION/road related

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

BRICK

CONCRETE

GLASS

METAL: steel

SYNTHETICS: rubber

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Chicago Mica Co./Continental Diamond Fibre Co. /ANCO Factory is located on 3.79-acre site consisting of two city blocks oriented along the north-south axis with an additional rectangular parcel to the west.

The complex is comprised of four contributing buildings and one contributing structure (a water tower) with dates ranging from 1906 to 1952. The buildings are labeled A, B, C and D going from south to north with Building A dating from 1952; Building B built in two phases in 1945 and 1951; Building C built in three phases in 1906, 1924 and 1936; and Building D constructed circa 1945. The complex embodies the distinctive characteristics of early-to-mid-twentieth century factory construction, including large expanses of industrial steel sash and exposed masonry, steel and wood structural elements at the interior with much of the historic fabric remaining intact.

The complex was rehabilitated in 2023 to house the Journeyman Distillery along with a transit center for the City of Valparaiso. The property will function as a manufacturing facility for distilling whiskey and brewing beer with on-site storage. The Journeyman portion will also feature a variety of additional uses including restaurants; event spaces; business offices; retail; and entertainment facilities. Not all functions have been implemented at this time.

The complex retains its historic integrity and is representative of Indiana's industrial heritage during the twentieth century with four large masonry manufacturing/warehouse buildings and one water tower. It is the most intact complex of this type remaining in Valparaiso, Indiana.

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SITE

The 3.79-acre site consists of two city blocks oriented along the north-south axis with an additional rectangular parcel to the west. A parking lot owned by the City of Valparaiso forms the northern boundary with South Campbell Street on the east, Boundary Street on the south, Daly Street on the west. Factory Street forms the southern boundary for the projecting portion with adjacent Lot 6 on the west. Three of the four buildings are justified on the west aligning with Daly Street. The site is roughly divided by the east-west oriented Building B. The southern portion of the site contains Building A with Building C on the north and Building D located at the northeast corner of the property. No buildings are situated on the western projecting portion of the site. This area consists of vegetation, mechanical equipment and a loading dock access drive. The land slopes gradually to the north until approximately the last 40 feet of the site which slopes down abruptly. A 50,000-gallon water tower is located just south of Building B centered on the east-west axis.

As a former industrial complex, site features are mostly hardscape with plantings situated in strategic areas. The open space between buildings B, C, and D, now called the North Plaza, features a clearly outlined north-south path at a slight angle. It commences with a concrete stair cutting through tiered steel retaining walls on the north and terminates at Building B on the south. A lawn is situated to the north of Building B along the east boundary, with rows of trees at its north and south edges to mark the location of the original factory building which was torn down by a prior owner in 2002. A turf playground is located to the west of Building D and features an oak tree. A stage is located to the east of the addition to Building C. Planting beds are situated in the tiered retaining walls and to the east of Building C. The remainder of the Plaza features concrete paved surfaces with café lights providing the primary lighting.

The open space southeast of the intersection of buildings A and B, now called the South Plaza, contains the historic water tower and a lawn along the east with a concrete retaining wall forming the south boundary. It is accessed via two sets of concrete steps on the north which lead to an east-west concrete path that runs alongside the south of Building B. The remainder of the area consists of concrete surfaces and planting beds around the base of the water tower. A sidewalk runs along South Campbell Street.

Asphalt parking lots are situated at the southeast and southwest corners of the site with a sidewalk running along South Campbell Street. These feature dates to the construction of Building A with few alterations over the years.

North of Factory Street, the loading dock is situated to the west of Building C. This area features an east-west asphalt drive with concrete equipment pads to the north and south as well as trees.

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BUILDING A (1952) – Contributing

Located on the southern portion of the site, this building is the youngest of the four. Construction commenced in the spring of 1952 by the Smith-Nuppnau Company and it was completed at a cost of \$95,000. The building is currently vacant but was originally designed to function as either a warehouse or production facility with a three-story office component. Most recently it housed a retail store. The 1-story L-shaped building is oriented on the north-south axis with a 3-story office rectangular block situated in the middle of the east elevation.

Building A consists of three distinct areas. The main portion of the building is a rectangular one-story wing with painted loadbearing concrete block walls and steel framed interior with a precast concrete roof system. Structural masonry columns are articulated on the exterior. The primary elevation faces east and is bisected by the office tower. The northern portion is divided into five bays with windows situated in the first, third and fourth bays; an overhead door along with a flush metal door are located in the second bay. An infilled window opening is located in the fifth bay with four louvered openings situated in the fourth and fifth bays. The southern portion is divided into three bays each containing a window opening. The metal framework from a former sign remains attached to the top of the building. The south elevation features four bays where window openings have been infilled with concrete block. The west elevation is divided into three bays, each possessing a window opening. On the north, a brick connector joins this building with Building B with one window opening situated to the east. Typical window openings consist of double or triple grouped aluminum replacement windows featuring a fixed unit over a double-hung unit and a painted stone sill. Modern residential shutters are currently attached at either side of three of these window openings. The southernmost opening on the east elevation was modified to have an aluminum storefront entry system under three fixed windows.

Roughly centered on the east elevation is a three-story painted load bearing concrete block tower with wood and steel framed floor and roof structure. The primary east elevation is divided into two bays with a pair of aluminum doors covered by a fabric awning on the north and a typical window on the south. These windows stack on the second level with the third floor featuring four, paired double-hung windows aligning with the fenestration below. The north and south elevations feature a typical window centered at each level. The west elevation is exposed at the second and third floor levels and matches the east with the exception that the second-floor north window has been infilled by a smaller window unit surrounded by vinyl siding.

The northwest corner features a rectangular one-story brick wing. This appears to have been constructed prior to the main wing of Building A. The south elevation features a loading dock complete with a flush metal door and three metal overhead doors with a concrete ramp leading to the western most door. The stepped brick parapet wall is capped with clay tile coping. The west elevation is six bays long with openings infilled with concrete block and a pair of stacked fixed aluminum windows. The north elevation features a stepped parapet wall with clay tile coping similar to the south. A wood framed clerestory clad in metal siding with a single slope roof was added to the roof of the northwest corner between 1998 and 2003.

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The interior of the one-story portion of the building is utilitarian in nature with concrete floors, masonry walls, steel columns and exposed structure at the ceiling. It is divided into three large open sections on the north-south axis. The western most section features a concrete ramp under a wood framed clerestory addition. Restrooms and office space are located in the northeast corner.

The office tower possesses a more finished appearance featuring carpeted floors, vinyl base and painted walls. The steel and wood structure is exposed at the third floor ceiling with acoustic ceiling tile at the first and second floors. The floor plans are open with the exception of small mechanical rooms, restrooms and a stair at the southwest corner.

BUILDING B (1945, 1951) – Contributing

This two-story brick warehouse building was built in two phases. The north was constructed in 1945 at a cost of \$250,000. Measuring 50 feet wide by 387 feet long, it was primarily illuminated by daylight with 75% of the exterior walls being windows. The second floor of the building was constructed of cast-in-place concrete held up with concrete columns. A system of steel beams and columns supported the precast concrete plank flat roof which is now covered with a membrane roof. In 1951, the building was doubled in size, adding an addition of 50 feet to the south in the same style. A brick connector containing a freight elevator and stair is situated on the south and links this building to Building A.

Large expanses of industrial multi-lite steel windows are present on all elevations. The east and west elevations feature smaller units while the north and south elevations feature expansive bands of windows at the second-floor level with smaller units at the first floor falling between the structural bays. Historic doors are limited to a pair of metal clad doors on the east and a half-lite metal clad door on the west. An original sliding fire door remains on the second floor of the north elevation at a former connector location.

The primary east elevation faces South Campbell Street. It is clad in red brick laid in a common bond pattern. The parapet wall is capped with precast concrete coping. A vertical circulation penthouse is situated north of the building centerline. Divided into six bays, the elevation is essentially symmetrical. The end bays have a long, narrow louvers with high sills at the first floor with paired steel windows above. The second bay from each side features a door in a recessed masonry opening with a pair of steel windows above. On the south, this is an aluminum overhead door with glass lites and on the north, is the pair of original metal entry doors. The street address is painted on the lintel above. The center bays feature two pairs of steel windows at the second floor aligning with fenestration on the first-floor level. An aluminum overhead door with glass lites is on the south and two steel windows are on the north. The industrial steel windows are original to the building and possess concrete sills.

The west elevation is also divided into six bays with a parapet wall capped with concrete coping. It is clad in buff brick laid in a common bond pattern. The end bays contain long, narrow openings exist at each floor. These openings contain aluminum windows at the first-floor level. The north

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second-floor opening was previously infilled with brick and the south second-floor opening contains a metal louver. The four center bays at the second floor each feature a pair of steel sash windows. On the first floor, going from north to south, these four bays contain a partially brick-in opening with a flush metal door, a recessed brick entry retaining the original metal half-lite door, and two bays of paired original steel sash windows with sills of different heights due to the sloping grade along this elevation.

The north and south elevations are clad in buff brick with the parapet walls wrapping the corners and extending the length of the first bays. At the second floor, a steel beam spans all but the end bays, serving as a lintel for large expanses of original steel factory sash windows. The first floor features an exposed structural concrete beam and columns dividing the building into fourteen bays, each of which contains an opening with either a window, overhead door or pair of doors.

On the south elevation, seven steel windows remain on the first floor with one unit modified for an aluminum door. A connector to Building A is situated in the sixth bay from the west. The remainder of the first-floor bays contain aluminum windows or overhead doors that simulate the look of the steel windows. The fifth bay from the east features a pair of aluminum doors with transom.

On the north elevation, original steel windows remain in the four bays on the east at both levels with a historic fire door in the fifth bay above a pair of aluminum doors. A large expanse of original steel windows spans six bays on the second floor with aluminum windows or overheads doors that simulate the look of steel windows situated in the first-floor bays below. The building connects to Building C on the first-floor level western portion with the second floor visible above and featuring an elevator penthouse along with original steel sash windows that have been modified in four locations for aluminum doors.

The first floor is an open space with a series of concrete columns laid out in a grid. The majority of columns feature conical "mushroom" capitals while the center and exterior rows along the east-west axis have a triangular capital with a flat face on the north and south sides. Floors and ceilings are painted concrete, walls are painted brick. Multiple uses are proposed for this level with stud walls with painted drywall falling on the column grid. A restaurant is slated for the southeast corner. This space has not been completed but will remain open with the exception of a private dining area and restrooms. A set of steel stairs provides access to future outdoor area on the south. The original ceiling wall and floors surfaces remain exposed. Kitchen, service, and restroom spaces are consolidated in the corners and contain modern finishes with high performance epoxy coatings at exposed columns and floors.

A whiskey tasting room is located in the center of the building. This area possesses the only wall that does not align with the column grid. It bisects the space and is comprised of an aluminum storefront assembly with acoustical plaster above. The original ceiling, walls and floor have been left exposed. Two small aluminum storefront vestibules align on the east end of the room with a drywall ceiling connecting them. An aluminum storefront system with metal panels creates a

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partition to the east where a variety of spaces are slated to go, including retail, candy, storage, tasting area, community room and restrooms. Currently the space remains open with the original ceiling, walls and floors left exposed. These transparent partitions maintain the visibility of the historically open spaces within the building.

The second-floor functions as two event spaces with auxiliary areas. New partitions are of drywall or aluminum storefront and fall on the column grid. The event spaces are separated by a central amenity area including kitchen, bars, restrooms, lobby, storage and service areas. Kitchen, service, and restroom spaces are consolidated in the corners and contain modern finishes with high performance epoxy coatings at exposed columns and floors. Bar and event spaces possess painted walls, columns, structural components and ceiling. The concrete floor in these areas remains exposed.

Along the east and west sides of the floor plan, storage areas are situated where the concrete floor is left exposed and the walls and ceilings are painted. Restrooms and dressing rooms are located in the northwest and northeast corners and contain modern finishes. A two-bedroom lodging space slated for the east end of this floor has not yet been constructed. This space will leave all existing surfaces exposed with paint at the walls and ceiling.

A terrace has been incorporated into the east event space. This has been created by an aluminum storefront wall parallel to the north wall, in a dark bronze color. In this location, the historic steel windows remain with glazing only in the top three rows. Walls are left exposed with epoxy coating at the ceiling and pavers at the floor to accommodate drainage. A concrete ramp and landing provide an accessible route to this area.

The three original enclosed stairs including guardrails remain. The east elevator was decommissioned with the door fixed in the open position and existing finishes left intact. Two existing elevator shafts received new elevators in the recent rehabilitation. Two additional stairs were incorporated into the building as required by code. One, centered on the south wall, serves as the main access to the second-floor event space. The stairs are metal pan with concrete treads and a metal mesh guardrail. The other new stair is located in the southeast corner and is metal with pipe hand and guardrails.

Mechanical, electrical, lighting and plumbing systems are new to the building during the recent rehabilitation with only the sprinkler system remaining. Exposed ductwork runs along the ceiling except in locations with a lowered ceiling, such as kitchens and restrooms.

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BUILDING C (c.1906/1924/1936) - Contributing

Constructed in multiple phases, the earliest portion appears to be the central area that was built circa 1906 as a “fireproof” (noncombustible) warehouse with brick walls and a reinforced concrete floor and roof, originally used for the storage of shellac, alcohol, oil, and other flammable items. The building was expanded to the south in 1924 and to the north in 1936, with both sections featuring brick knee walls topped by industrial steel sash windows. A later addition with a loading dock is situated on the west elevation. As of 1936, the building was 60 feet wide and 100 feet long. It was called the “house of a thousand windows” by the local newspaper. The general contractor was Smith-Nuppnau, and other contractors included Van Ness Electric, Beach Plumbing, Claus Helmick for painting, O. E. Nichols Hebron for excavating and pile driving, Otis Elevator Company, and H. G. Vogel for the sprinkler system. (Vidette Messenger of Porter County 1936).

This building is mostly one-story however, possesses a second floor at the north end. The primary elevation faces east fronting the courtyard. Functional in appearance the building is clad in multiwythe brick laid in a running bond pattern with concrete walls at the basement level. The structural system of this building is a combination of several systems including steel columns, wood and steel beams, and steel bar joists. The structure is exposed at the majority of the interior. Many of the original steel windows remain with others being aluminum units simulating the look of the lost original windows. Lintels are steel and sills are stone.

A two-story brick tower is located at the northeast corner and features parapet walls with clay tile coping. Along the north elevation, remnants of a painted sign remain, reading “LAMINATED / PHENOLIC / PRODUCTS,” “SHEETS / TUBES / RODS,” “MOULDED / SILENT / GEARS,” “FABRICATED PARTS,” and illegible remnants of lettering that once read “MICABOND – FIBRE – DILECTO.” Concrete basement walls feature five original openings containing aluminum storefront systems and one overhead door in the second bay from the west. A large expanse of original steel factory sash windows over brick knee walls remain at the upper level with a single steel window in the two-story brick portion.

The west elevation features a large expanse of original steel windows over brick knee walls at the upper level with an overhead door and flush metal door at the lower level. A concrete block loading dock projects from the rectangular footprint with two overhead doors. To the south of the loading dock, a short length of brick knee walls remains and where a window once existed is now infilled with brick.

The south elevation connects to Building B.

The east elevation retains three original steel windows, one in the northwest tower, one at the lower level and one to the east of an original door opening. The majority of the east elevation was reconstructed during the recent rehabilitation with a brick knee wall under new aluminum windows which simulate the appearance of existing industrial steel units. Two flush aluminum doors flank the 2023 addition that is situated in the middle of the east elevation. No historic walls remained in this location and the footprint aligns on the east-west axis with the original 1906 portion without

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penetrating the historic concrete walls. The addition projects slightly from the existing building shell to the east.

The addition consists of structural steel framing with a glass curtain wall skin where it projects from the building. Brick veneer clads the clerestory walls where the addition rises above the roof plane. The roof is flat with a membrane. The height aligns with Building B's roof and Building C's 2-story tower. Materials were carefully selected to provide a clear distinction between historic fabric and contemporary construction while remaining compatible with the character of the complex.

The majority of the roof is flat and is covered with a membrane roof. Roof slopes vary based on time of construction. The loading dock has an asphalt shingle roof with a single slope. The south portion of the roof is an outdoor event space connecting to a room in Building B. This area consists of raised pavers on pedestals over a TPO membrane roof but is not visible from the ground. Metal guardrails with mesh panels are located on the east and west sides held back from the roof edge to minimize visibility from grade level.

The basement is a utilitarian space with painted concrete floors, walls and ceiling. Located on the north end of the building, the floor plan is rectangular with a central wall bisecting the space on the east-west axis. The interior of the tower is a two-story open space. Floors are exposed concrete with walls and ceilings covered with a high-performance epoxy coating.

The first floor features three distinct areas based on time of construction along with later addition loading docks on the west. This building now houses distilling and brewing equipment, mechanical rooms, a brew pub, and restrooms. The 1906 concrete portion of the building remains unaltered. The 1906 portion now contains brewing and mechanical equipment and the 1936 portion now houses distilling equipment. In these areas, the concrete surfaces have been painted with high performance coatings.

Restrooms and a brew pub are located in the southeast corner. The brew pub features exposed concrete flooring, painted walls and exposed structure at the ceilings. The restrooms contain modern finishes. A series of mechanical rooms and circulation spaces run along the west side of the building and in the 1906 portion of the building. Utilitarian in nature, these retain exposed concrete floors with painted walls and ceiling structure.

The loading dock retains exposed concrete block walls and stud ceiling framing.

One original stair remains on the north to access the basement. It is metal pan stair with concrete treads and metal pipe railings. A modern metal pan stair with metal mesh guardrails is located in the 2023 addition.

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Mechanical, electrical, lighting and plumbing systems are new to the building during the recent rehabilitation with only the sprinkler system remaining. Exposed ductwork runs along the ceiling except in locations with a lowered ceiling, such as restrooms.

BUILDING D (c.1945) – Contributing

This brick building is the northernmost building of the complex and like Building C, the basement is exposed on the north elevation due to the slope. The basement level has a cast-in-place concrete floor with steel columns supporting a concrete floor system. The roof system is comprised of wood and steel beams with wood decking supported by steel columns with an east-west gable.

The west and south elevations front the courtyard with the north and east elevations facing parking lots. Functional in appearance, this rectangular building features cast-in-place concrete at the lower level with only the north elevation fully exposed. The upper level is clad in multi-wythe red brick laid in a running bond pattern. An elevator penthouse projects above the roofline at the southwest corner. Lintels are steel and sills are concrete.

Five original steel sash window units remain on the north and south elevations. One historic wood overhead door remains at the lower level. While most of the building's original industrial steel sash windows were removed by prior owners, the 2023 rehabilitation included installation of new aluminum windows simulating the appearance of the lost originals.

The north elevation is two-stories in height and features large expanses of factory sash. One original steel window remains in the lower west bay. Proceeding east, an original wood overhead door remains. A large factory sash window with full-lite door is centered on the elevation. Aluminum storefront systems are situated in a former overhead door opening on the east. The upper level possesses three factory sash windows of varying lengths.

The west elevation features a brick knee wall topped by factory sash centered on the elevation with a door in the south of the unit and a full-lite aluminum door to the north in an original opening. The southwest corner contains a small elevator tower with a shed roof.

The east elevation possesses one large expanse of factory sash centered on the elevation over a brick knee wall. A portion of the concrete lower level is exposed.

The south elevation features eight openings. The four windows on the west end are original steel units including one in the elevator tower. Aluminum replacement window units fill the remainder of the original openings going west to east with a full-lite door with transom and sidelight; overhead door with glass lites; window; and a full-lite door with transom and sidelight.

The low slope roof is covered with membrane roofing. Eaves are comprised of metal fascia boards with wood roof decking exposed on the underside. Aluminum gutters are located on the north and south elevations. Downspouts drain to existing inlets.

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The lower level is a utilitarian space featuring concrete floors, walls, and ceiling. It is an open space with steel columns laid out in a grid pattern supporting steel beams exposed at the ceiling. Historic surfaces remain exposed and modern partitions are of painted drywall. The City of Valparaiso's transit center occupies the northeast corner with future offices located on the west. A common corridor connects new restrooms, conference room, storage, janitor's closet to the existing vertical circulation core in the southeast corner. Office spaces contain carpet and suspended acoustic tile ceiling clouds. These clouds are held away from the walls to retain a visual of the full height of the space. Restrooms contain modern finishes.

The first floor level is also an utilitarian space featuring concrete floors, brick walls and exposed wood ceiling deck. It is an open space with steel columns laid out in a grid pattern and supporting steel beams exposed at the ceiling. Interior walls are limited to the vertical circulation core at the southeast corner which are a combination of brick and clay tile. Walls and ceilings are painted. This space is slated to house an arcade and restaurant. The exposed floors, wall and ceiling remain. One stair tower is located on the southwest corner with an adjacent elevator. Stairs are metal pan with concrete treads and metal pipe railings.

Mechanical, electrical, lighting and plumbing systems are new to the building during the recent rehabilitation, with only the sprinkler system remaining. Exposed ductwork runs along the ceiling except in locations with a lowered ceiling, such as restrooms.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

INDUSTRY

Period of Significance

1906-1971

Significant Dates

1906

1924

1936

1945

1951

1952

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Smith-Nuppnau Company

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Chicago Mica Co./Continental-Diamond Fibre Co./ANCO Factory is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, with local significance in the area of **Industry**. The factory complex is associated with manufacturing in Valparaiso during the twentieth century and embodies the distinctive characteristics of early-to-mid-twentieth century factory construction. The complex retains a high degree of integrity to the period of significance of circa 1906 (the date of the earliest existing buildings) to 1971 (the end of major alterations to the complex).

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Chicago Mica Co./Continental-Diamond Fibre Co./ANCO Factory is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, with local significance in the area of **Industry**. The property reflects events that have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of our history. The complex is associated with the broad pattern of twentieth century industry and factory development in Indiana and is associated with Valparaiso's major employers during the period of significance. It is significant as an example of a twentieth century factory complex developed between the 1900s and 1950s as a regional production facility for three companies based elsewhere. The Chicago Mica Company, Continental-Diamond Fibre Company, and the Anderson Company (later known as Anco or ANCO) all operated multiple plants in different locations. This complex is significant at the local level for its association with manufacturing in Valparaiso and showcases the distributed and interconnected landscape of industry in smaller cities in Indiana during the twentieth century. The complex also embodies the distinctive characteristics of early-to-mid-twentieth century factory construction, including large expanses of industrial steel sash and exposed masonry, steel, and wood structural elements at the interior. The period of significance is circa 1906 to 1971, encompassing the primary evolution of the existing factory buildings.

The factory complex is located southwest of downtown Valparaiso, the seat of Porter County, Indiana. It is located in the Southwest Valparaiso Addition, which was laid out in 1864 of the west side of the southwest corner of the original plat of Valparaiso. The area is a historically industrial neighborhood between two railroad lines. To the northeast is the line built as the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, opening in 1858. To the southwest is the line built as the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad ("Nickel Plate Road") in 1881.

The factory complex site has been used for industrial purposes since 1866, when the Valparaiso Woollen Mill Company was formed. The mill opened in 1867 and manufactured knitting yarns, jeans, flannels, and blankets. The mill struggled to make a profit and the Powell family bought up

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all the company's stock, eventually closing the operation. A wooden clothes pin factory operated in the plant from 1872 to 1875, when it moved to Detroit. In 1876 the mill was fitted with new machinery, and it resumed manufacture of yarns. Knitting machines were added in 1881 to allow the manufacture of hosiery. However, the company was unable to compete effectively with woolen mills in larger cities with better access to major markets and again closed. By 1886 the mill had become the M. Barry Carriage & Wagon Works. Michael Barry, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, came settled in Valparaiso about 1863 and began the manufacture of carriages and wagons a few years later. The company moved into the former woolen mill as part of an expansion of its operations. In 1887 Barry sold an interest in the factory to William F. Spooner. Barry and Spooner dissolved the company around 1890. In 1892 the factory was leased to the Dulaney Brothers of Canton, Ohio, for the manufacture of electric clocks. The company was plagued by legal and debt issues and went into receivership in 1893.

In 1899, a committee of Valparaiso residents successfully enticed the Chicago Mica Company to purchase the vacant woolen mill complex for use as a new factory. Chicago Mica was Valparaiso's largest industry in the early twentieth century and the story of the factory's location in the city was the subject of an extended sketch in a 1912 history of Porter County.

In 1899 word was received in Valparaiso that the Chicago Mica Company and the Chicago Wheel Company were desirous of securing a location somewhere outside of that city. A committee of citizens went to Chicago and persuaded Mr. Snyder, president of the Mica Company, to visit Valparaiso and look over the ground. The woolen mill building was pronounced by him to be the only one suitable for his purpose, and it was then learned that another Chicago concern had an option on the building, which belonged to R. M. Hutchinson and Senator Culbert, of Michigan City. This delayed matters for a short time, but on October 25, 1899, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Snyder met in Valparaiso and reached an understanding which three days later resulted in a deal by which the building passed into the hands of the company. On February 28, 1900, the city council, upon a petition signed by 174 taxpayers, by a vote of five to three, donated \$5,000 to the company and ordered the city clerk to draw a warrant for that amount. The Mica Company is Valparaiso's largest manufacturing industry. According to a statement of the State Bureau of Inspection, seventy-five people are employed. The mica bond insulators manufactured by this company are shipped to every country on the globe where electricity is used for power or lighting purposes.¹

Micas are a group of silicate minerals that can be easily split into thin, elastic plates. Mica was both elastic and strong as well as a strong electrical insulator. Chicago Mica imported raw mica from Canada, North Carolina, and India. Waste trimmings of mica were ground up and sold for

¹ *History of Porter County, Indiana*, Vol. I (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1912), 234-235.

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use in other industries. Mica powder was commonly used to provide a metal fleck or glitter effect on wallpaper, postcards, Christmas tree ornaments, and toys.²

In developing the Valparaiso plant, Chicago Mica demolished one of the existing buildings and remodeled the former woolen mill to house its operations manufacturing mica insulators. In contrast to many industries, Chicago Mica's factory workforce was primarily female. By 1900 the company employed 90 women and 27 men.³ The \$5,000 bonus payment from the City of Valparaiso that year helped fund the construction of temporary, metal-clad frame buildings to expand the factory's production.⁴ By 1904 the factory employed 150 people.⁵

The company began to expand the factory between circa 1906 and 1910, the date of the earliest extant resource on site. The central portion of Building C was built circa 1906-1910 as a "fireproof" warehouse with brick walls and a reinforced concrete floor and roof, originally used for the storage of shellac, alcohol, oil, and other flammable items.

The invention of Bakelite, a hard plastic developed by Leo Baekland between 1907 and 1909, caused serious competition for mica products producers. Chicago Mica acquired a Bakelite franchise as a part of its operations and reduced employment in the Valparaiso plant. The company developed new fibre products to replace Bakelite in industrial applications, forming the subsidiary Fibroc Insulation Company in 1921 with operations in the same factory.⁶ Building C was expanded to the south in 1924 to accommodate the operations of Chicago Mica and Fibroc. This addition, featuring a brick knee wall topped by industrial steel sash windows, reflected up-to-date factory construction in contrast to the brick masonry bearing walls of the nineteenth century main factory building. Another expansion of the building occurred in 1928. That year, Fibroc purchased another property to allow its relocation and expansion while giving Chicago Mica room to expand within the existing complex. Valparaiso successfully negotiated to keep both factories in town despite campaigns from other cities to induce the companies to relocate. The local newspaper provided the following note in an article on Fibroc's relocation and Chicago Mica's expansion:

The products of both companies are industrial and scientific. Mica is an integral element in the automotive and electric manufacturing fields. Fibroc, which is also adapted to automotive, general electric and mechanical fabrication, finds wide application in the radio field. With the automotive, electric and radio industries

² "Mica Plant's Move Here was Cooperative Venture," *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), September 21, 1961, 12.

³ "Brief News of Indiana," *South Bend Tribune*, January 27, 1900, 1.

⁴ "Prosperous Industries," *Indianapolis News*, April 10, 1900, 11.

⁵ "Cut Wages Ten Per Cent," *Indianapolis News*, March 24, 1904, 2.

⁶ "Mica Plant's Move Here was Cooperative Venture," *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), September 21, 1961, 12.

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the acknowledged industrial pivots of the age the Fibroc and Mica companies seem assured of a big future.⁷

Both companies saw continued growth in 1929. Offices were located in downtown Valparaiso, separate from the factory complex.

In 1930 Chicago Mica and Fibroc merged into the Continental-Diamond Fibre Company. Continental-Diamond was formed in 1929 by the merger of the Diamond State Fibre Company of Elsmere, Delaware, and the Continental Fibre Company of Newark, Delaware. It would continue to expand the complex until its sale to ANCO in 1961. Building C was expanded to the north in 1936, featuring a brick knee wall topped by industrial steel sash windows. It was called the “house of a thousand windows” by a local newspaper, alluding to the best-selling 1905 novel *The House of a Thousand Candles* by Indiana author Meredith Nicholson. Smith-Nuppnau was the general contractor for this expansion, and other contractors included Van Ness Electric, Beach Plumbing, Claus Helmick for painting, O. E. Nichols of Hebron for excavating and pile driving, Otis Elevator Company, and H. G. Vogel for the sprinkler system.⁸

Continental-Diamond Fibre greatly expanded the complex after World War II. In 1945, the company built the first phase of Building B, a two-story brick warehouse, over the location of the vacated Factory Street. The \$250,000 building contained 28,000 square feet of floor space with ample daylight illumination, with 75% of the exterior walls being steel sash windows. Supplemental illumination was provided by 28,000 watts of fluorescent lighting. Around the same time, the company built Building D, the northernmost part of the complex. A 125-foot-high brick smokestack, built in 1936, was demolished in 1951 as part of a \$150,000 modernization program.⁹ In 1951, Building B was expanded by the construction of a 50-foot-wide concrete block addition to the south. A steel water tower was built in the south part of the complex around this time. The factory employed approximately 650 men and women in 1952, when the last major component of the factory complex, Building A, was built at the southwest corner of the site. Erected by the Smith-Nuppnau Company, Building A was designed so that it could be converted from warehouse to production space.¹⁰ The building has a steel structure with masonry walls of brick and concrete block. This building reflects the changing approach toward industrial construction in the 1950s, with pilastered walls and punched openings contrasting with the vast expanses of steel factory sash seen on the buildings built between 1924 and 1945. The company continued to produce electrical insulating materials including Micabond, vulcanized fibre, laminated plastics, silicone, and silicone-rubber-coated products until it vacated the property in 1961, consolidating operations in Newark, Delaware.¹¹ During its later years, Continental-Diamond was a subsidiary of the Budd Company of Newark, Delaware.

⁷ “Fibroc Buys property for a New Plant,” *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), April 12, 1928, 4.

⁸ “Continental to Expand,” *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), February 21, 1936, 1.

⁹ “Looking Backward,” *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), February 28, 1961, 4.

¹⁰ “CDF Plans to Expand Facilities,” *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), June 27, 1952.

¹¹ “Widened Streets, Parking Lots are Valparaiso Boon,” *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN),

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In March 1961 the Anderson Company of Gary, Indiana, announced that it had purchased the Continental-Diamond factory. Founded in South Bend in 1918, the Anderson Company produced a number of automotive products including windshield-wiper blades. Anderson's Roton division—which manufactured an anti-friction bearing screw used in control mechanisms for automobile transmissions, hospital beds, and automotive and aircraft seats—was to take possession on June 1.¹² The Anderson Company painted its “ANCO” trademark on the factory's water tower. ANCO later manufactured windshield wiper blades in this facility until its closure in 1985. No major changes occurred to the complex between 1971 and ANCO's closure of the factory in 1985. Buildings were subsequently sold and served various small tenants, with limited interior alterations to some of the buildings. The remaining nineteenth century factory building was demolished sometime between 1998 and 2003 and the 1951 addition to Building B was demolished around 2017.

The City of Valparaiso purchased the complex in 2017 and used Building D as a transit center location for a “park and ride” program for residents commuting to Chicago. In 2020, the City sold the complex to Journeyman Distillery of Three Oaks, Michigan. Journeyman completed a tax credit rehabilitation of the complex between 2020 and 2023, adaptively reusing the factory as a mixed-use facility featuring distilling and brewing operations as well as restaurants, entertainment, and meeting spaces.

INTEGRITY

Evaluation of the complex's historic fabric dating from the period of significance—from the construction of the earliest extant resource around 1906 to the end of its primary evolution in 1971—considers the seven aspects of integrity identified in the National Register Criteria for Evaluation: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The retention of essential physical features from the period of significance is necessary for the property to have sufficient integrity to convey its significance. Character-defining features of the factory during its period of significance include the shape and form of the buildings, the voids between buildings, the original fenestration (punched windows and steel factory sash), exposed masonry and steel structure, exposed concrete floors, and steel water tower.

The complex retains its integrity of **location** and has never been moved.

The complex retains a high degree of integrity of **design**. Later alterations obscuring character-defining historic features were removed during the recent rehabilitation. Long-hidden steel sash windows were uncovered and restored. Openings where no historic windows remained were fitted with new windows matching the design of the lost historic windows.

March 17, 1961, 19.

¹² “Possession to be Given New Owner June 1,” *Vidette-Messenger* (Valparaiso, IN), March 31, 1961, 1.

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The complex retains a moderate degree of integrity of **setting**. The neighborhood remains predominately industrial. Wood-frame houses on the block east of the site were demolished around 2015. Land to the north of the complex remains a mixture of open paved areas and wooded areas, similar to its appearance during the period of significance.

The complex retains a high degree of integrity of **materials**. These include the brick and concrete block walls, concrete slab floors, steel sash windows, and exposed steel structure, all characteristic materials of twentieth century industrial buildings.

The complex retains a high degree of integrity of **workmanship**. Brick, concrete and concrete block, steel sash, and steel structure are all representative of workmanship of the craftspeople who built twentieth century industrial buildings.

The complex retains a high degree of integrity of **feeling** in its present condition. Feeling is an intangible quality of a historic property that evokes the sense and experience of the period of significance. The recent rehabilitation removed unsympathetic alterations, reopening covered or infilled windows, removing later partitions, and exposing long-hidden historic materials. The spatial volumes, materials, exposed structure, and windows contribute to a high degree of integrity of feeling.

The complex retains a high degree of integrity of **association**. The complex provides a direct link to the history of industry in Valparaiso and is easily legible as a historic factory.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☒ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☒ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other
☒ Name of repository: RATIO

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.79-acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

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Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☒ NAD 1983

1. Zone: 16	Easting: 494430	Northing: 4590280
2. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
3. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
4. Zone:	Easting :	Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Parcel 1: (West Parcel)

A tract of land being lots 7 & 8, block 4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, block 1, lots 5 & 6, block 5, part of lots 1, 2 & 3, block 6, part of lots 7 & 8, block 5 all within the Addition of Southwest Valparaiso the plat of which is recorded in Miscellaneous Book B, page 6 in the Office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana, together with portions of vacated Factory Street, vacated Daly Dstreet and adjoining vacated alleys, said tract of land more particularly described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of said lot 8, block 1; thence south 89 degrees 51 minutes 14 seconds west 281.19 feet (280.5 per plat) along the northern boundary of Boundary Street to the southwest corner of said lot 5, block 1; thence north 0 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds west 313.21 feet, more or less, to the northern boundary of factory street; thence south 89 degrees 47 minutes 39 seconds west 180.81 feet, more or less, along said northern boundary to the southwest corner of lot 7, block 4; thence north 00 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds west 132.00 feet along the west line of said lot 7, block 4 to the northwest corner thereof; thence north 89 degrees 47 minutes 39 seconds east along the north line of said lot 7, block 4 and extension thereof, 156.75 feet; thence north 00 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds west 54.25 feet; thence north 89 degrees 31 minutes 55 seconds east 196.48 feet; thence south 0 degrees 21 minutes 46 seconds east 72.30 feet; thence south 89 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds east 71.23 feet; thence south 0 degrees 6 minutes 23 seconds west 12.36 feet; thence north 89 degrees 56 minutes 8 seconds east 37.37 feet to the western boundary of south Campbell Street; thence south 0 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds east 415.61 feet along said western boundary of south Campbell Street to the point of beginning and containing 3.616 acres, more or less.

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Parcel 2: Parcel F

A part of Outlots 13 & 14 in the Original Survey of the Town of, now City of Valparaiso, the plat of which is recorded in Deed Record A, page 621 in the office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana, being that 3.432 acre tract of land shown on the survey prepared by Tracy L. McGill, LS #20500009 on October 8, 2021 as American Structurepoint, Inc. Project Number 2013.00780 described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said outlet 14; thence north 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds east (basis of bearings: grid north - Indiana State Plane Coordinate System - West Zone (NAD 83) 32.00 feet along the southern line of said outlet 14 to the point of beginning of this description: thence north 0 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds west 335.89 feet; thence north 39 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds east 22.94 feet; thence north 81 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds east 313.88 feet; thence easterly 68.18 feet along an arc to the right having a radius of 964.99 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing of north 83 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds east and a length of 68.17 feet, more or less, to the east line of that parcel of land described in the warranty deed recorded as instrument number 2017-022066; thence south 0 degrees 3 minutes 3 seconds east 409.42 feet along said east line to the south line of said outlet 13; thence south 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds west 391.85 feet along the southern lines of said outlets 13 & 14 to the point of beginning and containing 3.432 acres, more or less.

Building D - Northeast Parcel

A tract of land being part of lots 7 & 8, block 5, and part of lot 1, block 6, all within the Addition of Southwest Valparaiso, the plat of which is recorded in Miscellaneous Book B, page 6 in the Office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana, together with a portion of the adjoining vacated alley, said tract of land more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of lot 8, block 1 in said addition; thence north 0 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds west 415.61 feet along the western boundary of south Campbell Street to the point of beginning of this description: thence south 89 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds west 37.37 feet; thence north 0 degrees 06 minutes 23 seconds east 12.36 feet; thence north 89 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds west 71.23 feet; thence north 0 degrees 21 minutes 46 seconds west 72.30 feet; thence north 89 degrees 31 minutes 55 seconds east 108.77 feet to the northerly extension of the western boundary of said south Campbell Street; thence south 0 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds east 85.53 feet along said extension and the western boundary of said south Campbell Street to the point of beginning and containing 0.192 acres, more or less.

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These boundaries represent the original parcel as owned by the Chicago Mica Company along with its growth under subsequent ownership. The property is described as multiple parcels above due to the City of Valparaiso's use of Building D as a transit center.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

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View of South & West elevations of Building A with Water Tower beyond

Camera facing NorthEast

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View of East elevation of Building A with Water Tower in foreground & Building B on right,
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View of South Elevation of Building B with Water Tower in foreground & Building C on left,
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View of North Plaza, North & East elevations of Building B, East elevation of Building C, East
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View of North Plaza, South elevation of Building D, East elevation of Building C

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View of North elevation of Building B, North & East elevations of Building D, East elevation of Building C & Water Tower beyond

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View of North elevation of Building D, North elevation of Building C, North elevation of Building B & Water Tower beyond

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View of North & West elevations of Building C, North & West elevations of Building D &

Water Tower beyond

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View of West elevation of Building C, West elevation of Building B, West elevation of Building

A & Water Tower beyond

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View of Building A Interior of First Floor Warehouse

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View of Building A Interior of First Floor Ramp
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View of Building A Interior of Third Floor Office Space
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View of Building B Interior of First Floor Whiskey Garden
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Chicago Mica Co. / Continental Diamond Fibre Co. / ANCO Factory
Valparaiso
Porter County, Indiana
Julie Zent
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View of Building B Interior of First Floor Future Restaurant
Camera facing West
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Chicago Mica Co./Continental Diamond Fibre
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Name of Property

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County and State

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Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building B Interior of First Floor Stair
Camera facing Southwest
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Valparaiso
Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building B Interior of Second Floor Event Space
Camera facing Southwest
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Valparaiso
Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building C Interior of Lower Level Floor Distillery Area
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Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building C Interior of Lower Level Floor Distillery Area Original Stair
Camera facing East
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Name of Property

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View of Building C Interior of First Floor Distillery Area Lower Level Original Window
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Valparaiso
Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building C Interior of First Floor Brew Mill in 1906 Portion of Building
Camera facing East
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Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building C Interior of First Floor Brewing Pub
Camera facing Northeast
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Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building C Interior of Second Floor Addition
Camera facing Northeast
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Co. /ANCO Factory
Name of Property

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County and State

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Porter County, Indiana
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View of Building D Interior of Lower Level Future Offices
Camera facing Northwest
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Porter County, Indiana
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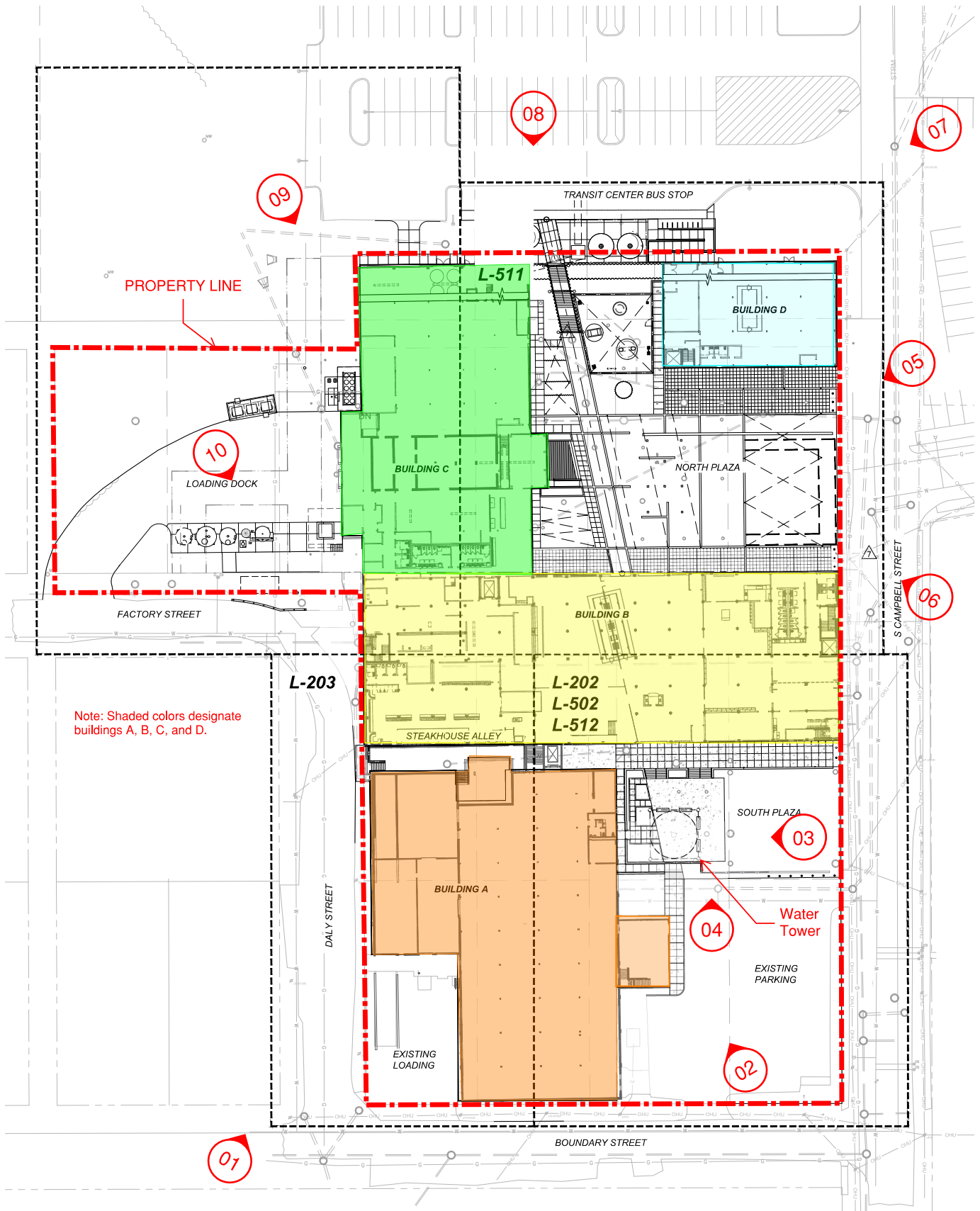
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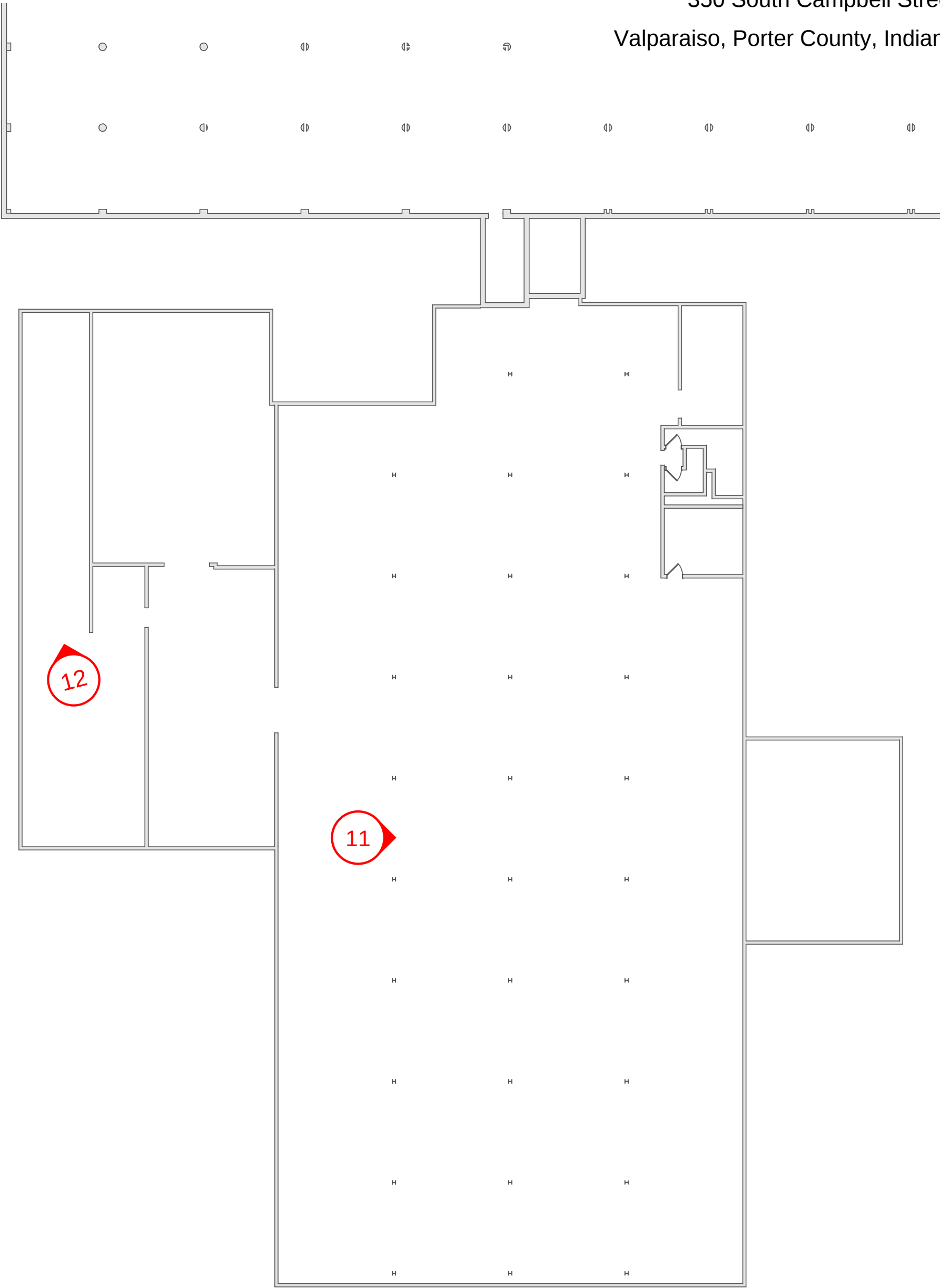
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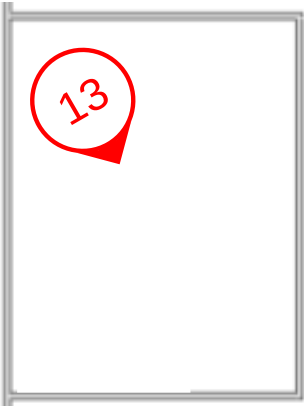
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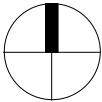
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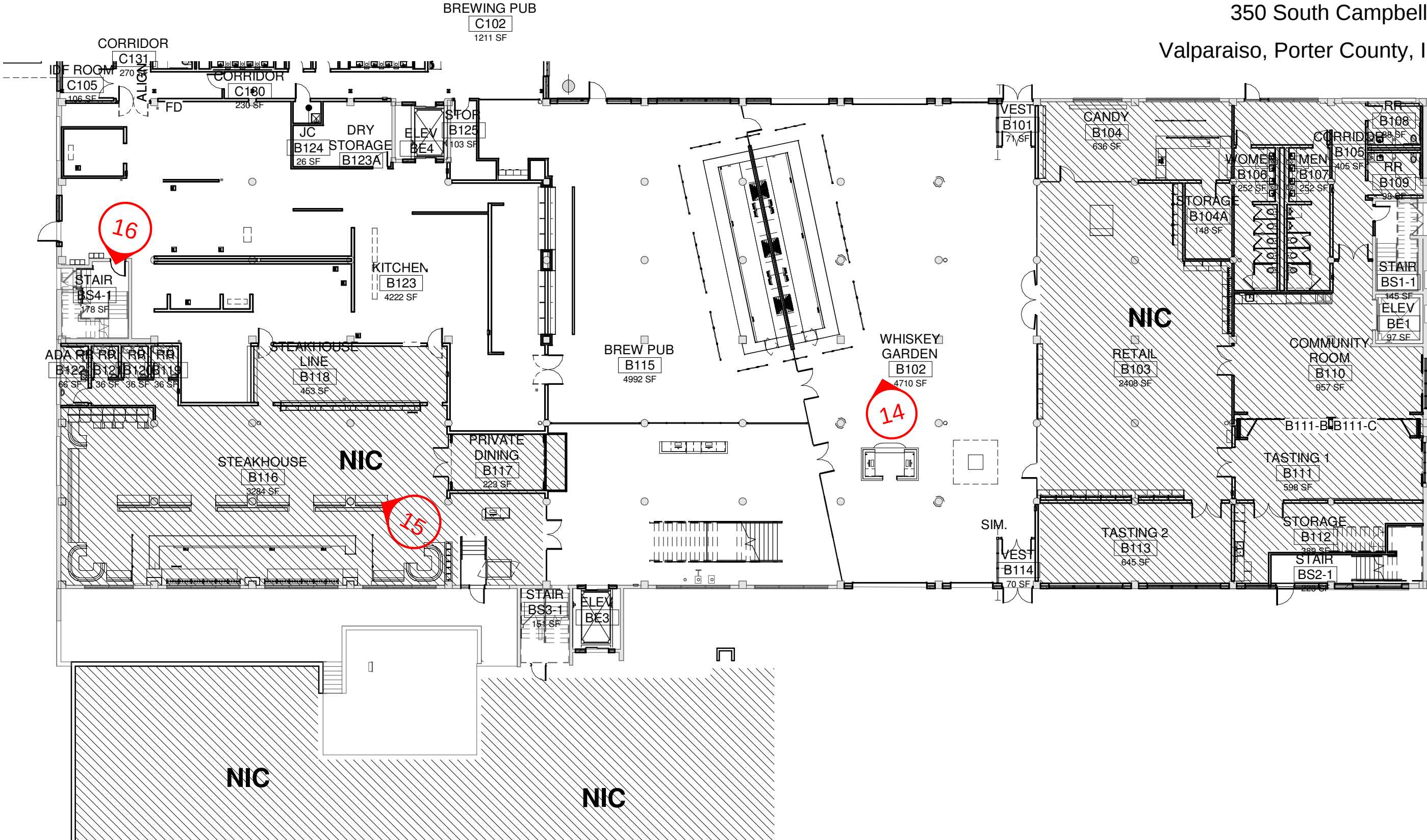


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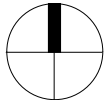


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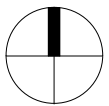
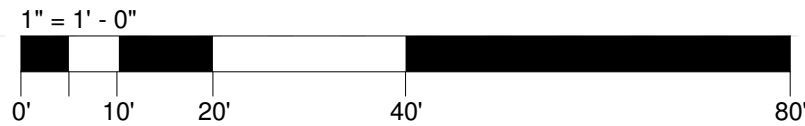
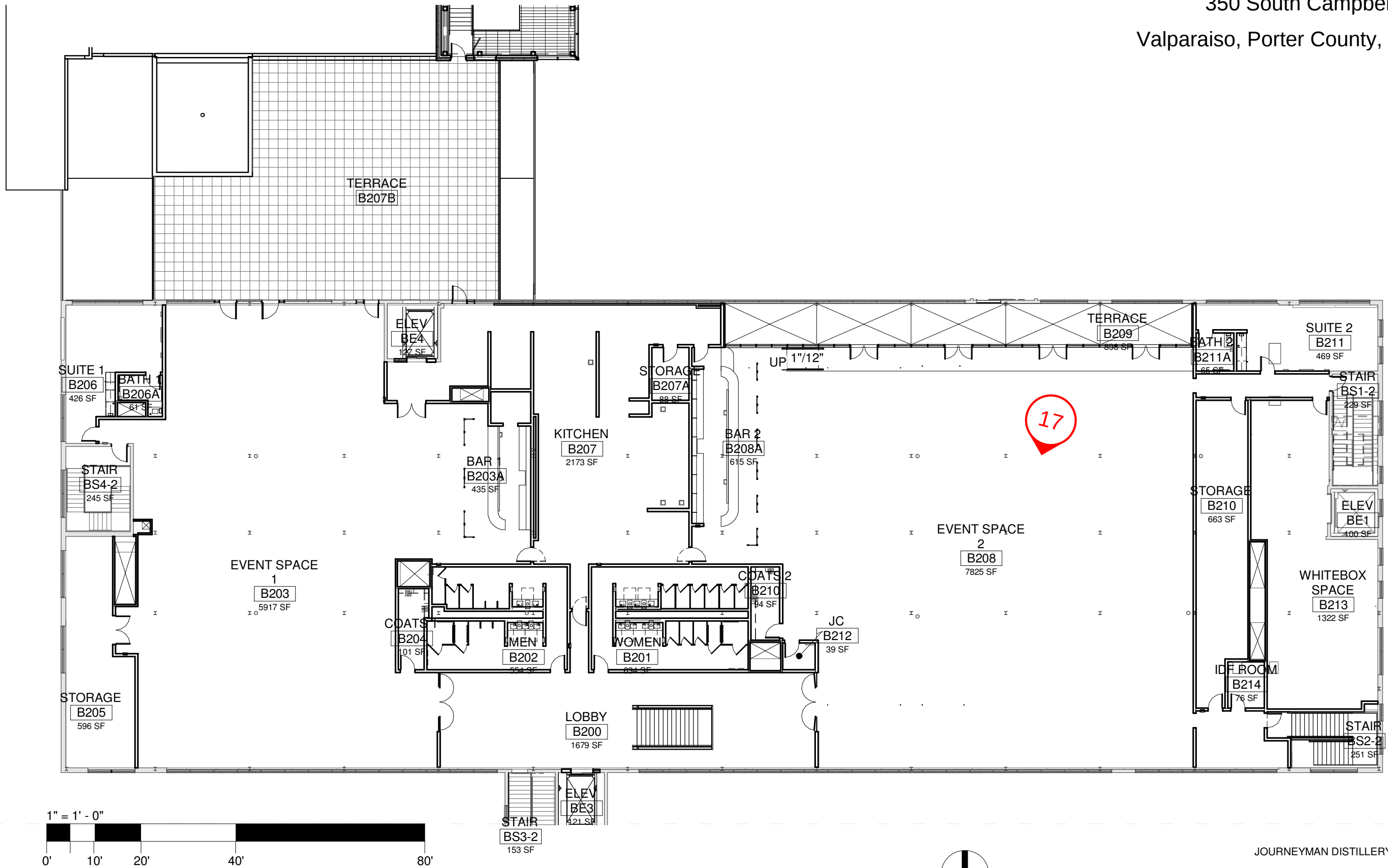
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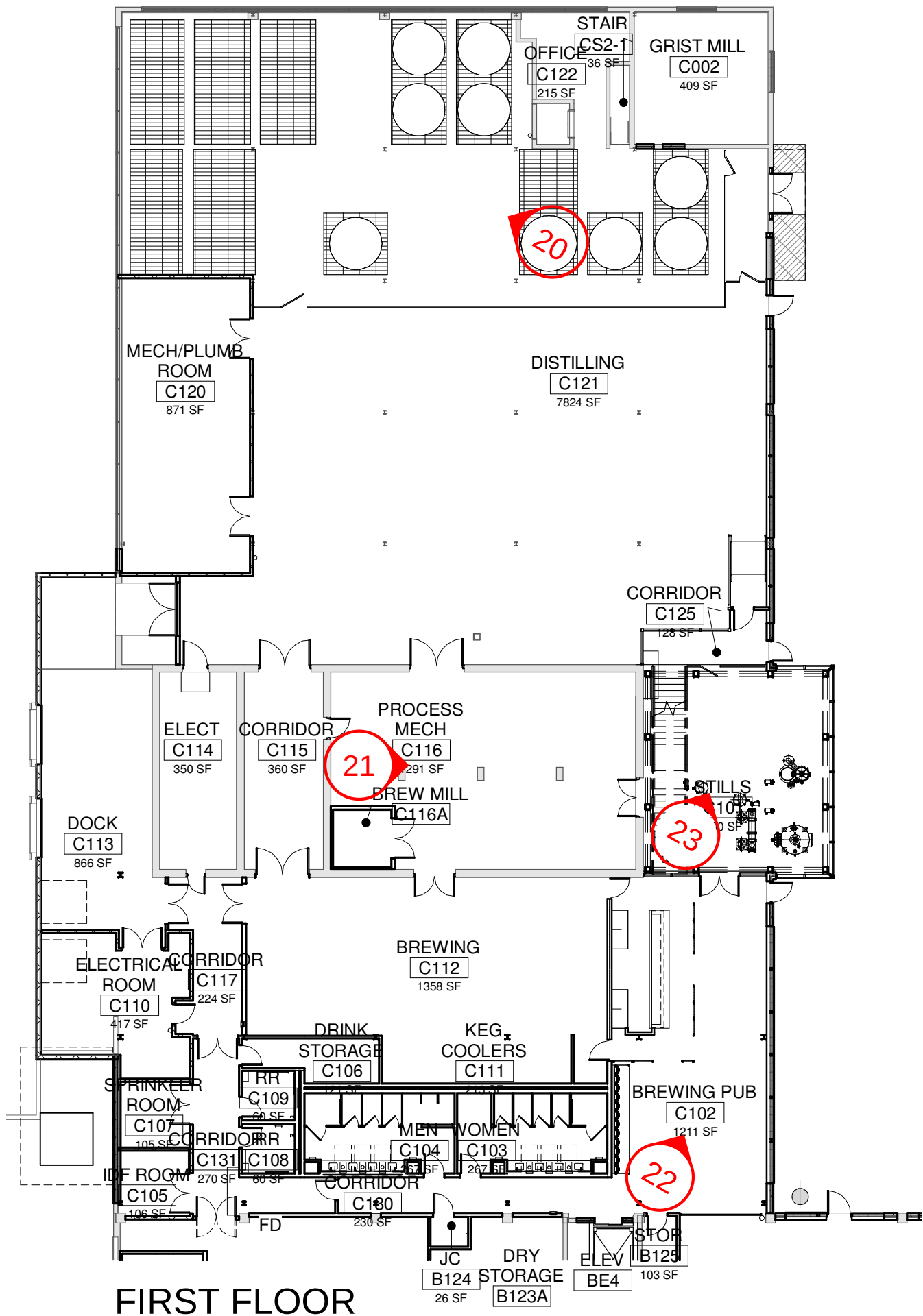
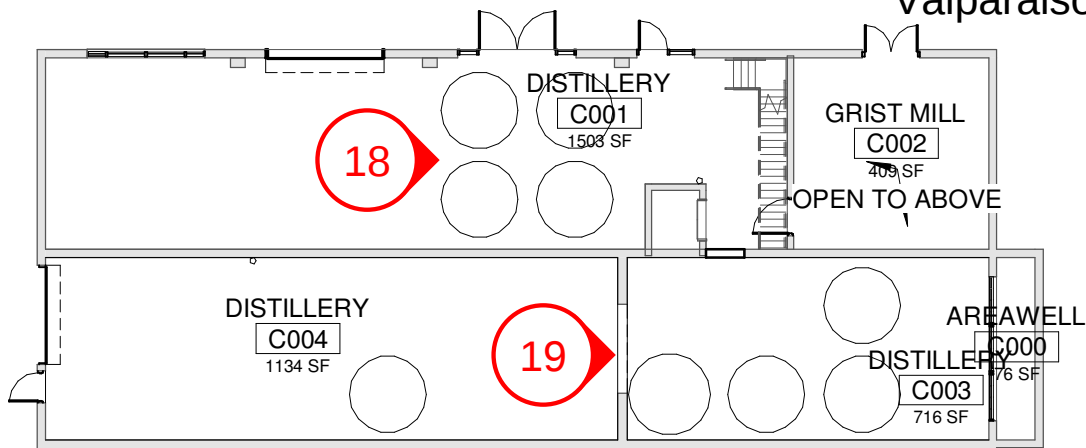


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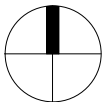
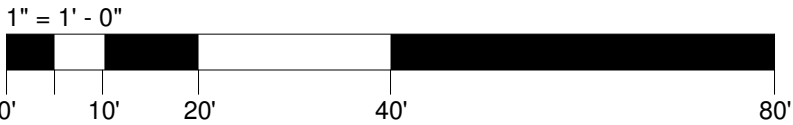
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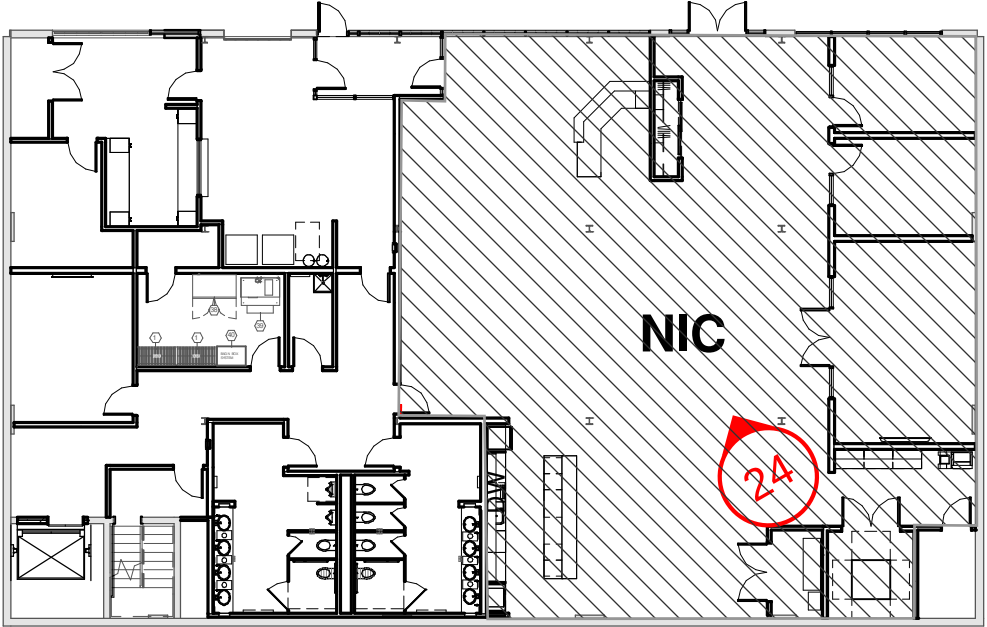


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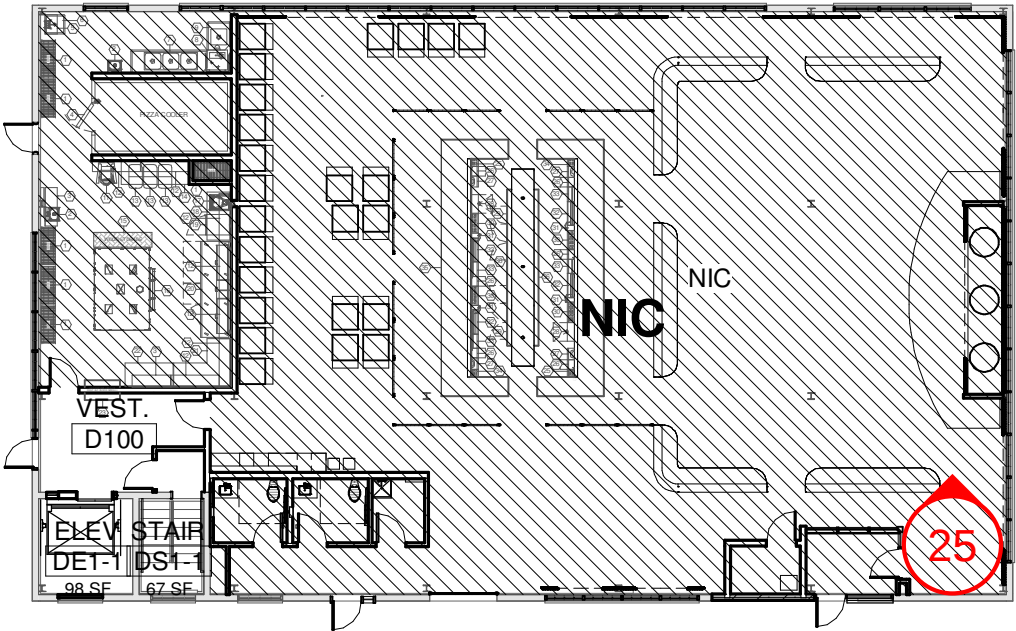
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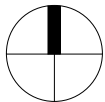
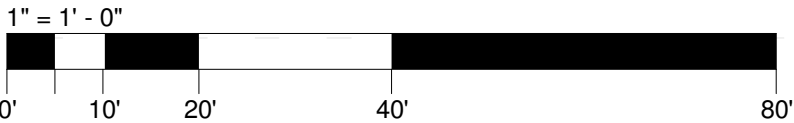


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