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## **Italstone Opens New Production Facility in Yakima**

Yakima's newest manufacturer facility is now open for business. Italstone, an importer and custom fabricator of marble, granite, and other stone countertops recently put the finishing touches on its new 10,000 square foot facility at **2301 West Ahtanum Road**.



The company, based in Hood River, Oregon added the Yakima operation to better access markets in Seattle and Washington State.

Owner Gjinis Ilias is excited about his new plant: "We finally have the building up and all the equipment in place. We are excited about being in Yakima." New Vision helped the company locate its new operation in Yakima. "It is a beautiful new facility and Italstone is a nice addition to our business community," says New Vision's President Dave McFadden

The company is in the process of hiring employees. It plans to start with 20 employees and grow over time. So far the new jobs are attracting attention. The company placed a help wanted ad in the Yakima Herald Republic and over 200 jobseekers have

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responded already. McFadden is not surprised with the interest in jobs at Italstone:  
“We have a lot of people out of work in our Valley plus there are many other workers who are trying to improve their situation. Italstone is a quality employer that treats their employees well. It is our experience that new companies offering decent pay and benefits have little difficulty filling most of their positions.”

The public is invited to attend Italstone’s Open House later today (Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>) at its facility from 4-7 p.m.

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**About Italstone US:** Italstone U.S. is among the largest importers, custom fabricators and installers of marble, granite, limestone, travertine and natural stone products in Oregon and Washington. Italstone’s inventory includes over 1000 slabs of marble, granite, travertine, onyx, and basalt from Italy, Brazil, India and around the world. The company custom fabricates these stone slabs for residential and commercial customers throughout the Pacific Northwest.

**About New Vision, the Yakima County Development Association:** New Vision is a countywide economic development association that works with businesses to grow good paying jobs within the Yakima Valley. The organization focuses on attracting new businesses to the region as well as helping local companies expand operations.