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## Construction supplier plans July move to larger Ardsley facility

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A.H. Harris and Sons of Yonkers will be moving into this bigger facility in Ardsley, 245 Saw Mill River Road, this summer. / Andrew Klappholz/The Journal News

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**ARDSLEY** — In a bullish move for the commercial real-estate market, one of the key regional construction equipment suppliers is doubling its local footprint.

A.H. Harris & Sons, a national chain based in Connecticut, recently signed a long-term lease at 425 Saw Mill River Road in Ardsley for 16,200 square feet — a space that's more than twice as big as its 8,000-square-foot warehouse at 1000 Saw Mill River Road in Yonkers.

"They just outgrew their space," said Michael Rao, president of New York Commercial Realty Group, who brokered the deal. "This has a showroom and will be more suited for today's world."

A.H. Harris & Sons supplies many specialty products, such as lumber and concrete materials, directly to the builders.

"It's a stop where contractors go early in the morning before they head to their sites," Rao said. "They carry a lot of specialty products that Home Depot won't carry."

The move will take place in mid-July, said Chris Gilbreth, manager of the local A.H. Harris & Sons.

He said business has been going pretty well for the past year, particularly selling to contractors who've been constructing office buildings in New York City and Westchester County. He added that the mild winter has helped spur construction activities, but the residential construction market has remained slow ever since the housing crisis began in 2008.

Part of the Ardsley site is occupied by GM and Chrysler and used as a training facility for the auto giants.

The other part, where A.H. Harris and Sons will move, has been empty for about eight months, Rao said.

Across from the GM building, the newly constructed Acorda Therapeutics campus is coming together as the biomedical company gets ready to move there from its Hawthorne office.