



Ocrim to supply equipment to three major European firms

CREMONA, ITALY — Ocrim has contracts with three major European firms to supply flour milling and maize processing equipment.

Ocrim said it is experiencing an upswing in Europe thanks to its involvement in the whole agri-food industry. Ocrim is partnering with Bonifiche Ferraresi SpA, a leading agri-food company in Italy.

“This constructive alliance gives Ocrim the chance to monitor the raw material, i.e. grain, which will then be processed in the milling plants we produce,” said Alberto Antolini, chief executive officer of Ocrim.

In January, members of Ocrim’s management team went to Strasbourg, France, to meet with Lionel Chevrier, director of the Grand Moulin de Strasbourg plant. They signed a contract to modify the plant by more than 1,000 tpd, for which the extraction of white flour T.38 will be maximized. The Grand Moulin de Strasbourg plant is one of 11 plants located in France and Germany owned by the Groupe Grands Moulins de Strasbourg. This new partnership between Ocrim and the French group marks the beginning of an important collaboration that may lead to other projects in the future, Ocrim said.

Also in January, KALIZEA, a French company specializing in maize processing, entered into an agreement with Ocrim for the supply of a maize plant for the production of grits. KALIZEA is part of the VIVESCIA group, one of the leading agri-food industries in the world. It covers the entire supply chain, from the cultivation phase until the final product reaches consumers.

In March, Francesco Casillo, patron of Casillo Group, met with Antolini in Cremona to sign a contract for a major supply for the Monfalcone plants, formerly Molino De Franceschi, acquired by Casillo.

Casillo’s investment is significant, Ocrim said, because in addition to modifying, modernizing and expanding existing mills, it will bring benefits to the area. The communities near the plants will benefit from further development with regard to the local industry, economy and trade.

Ocrim said it has always been active in Europe, but has not before seen such results in such a short time period.

“Since its foundation, Ocrim has always implemented projects worldwide and on a constant and copious basis,” the company said. “With its new approach and the new challenges it is facing, it is now also gaining crucial recognition even in areas where it was already known but perhaps not particularly active.”



Ocrim is modifying the Grand Moulin de Strasbourg plant in France by more than 1,000 tpd.



Ocrim will modify, modernize and expand existing mills for the Casillo Group.



Giovanni Gualtieri, Alberto Antolini and Vincent Jacquot sign an agreement for Ocrim to provide a maize plant to KALIZEA. Photos courtesy of Ocrim.

Chief Agri expands staff



Britton

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, U.S. — Chief Agri has appointed Christa Britton as its new marketing coordinator.

Previously with Chief Environmental as project manager in Secondary Containment, Britton brings 22 years of sales, marketing and real world ag experience, the company said.

After graduation from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Britton worked five years

at the Phoenix & Valley of the Sun Convention & Visitors Bureau in Phoenix, Arizona, U.S., in the sales and marketing department. Clients included the MLB, NHL, NFL, Super Bowl Committee and the PGA.

She returned to Nebraska to become a partner within her family farm.

Chief Agri, which originated in 1961, offers a full line of grain and commodity storage, aeration and material handling products throughout the world.