# Ocrim updates facility in Cameroon

Cremona, Italy-based Ocrim will increase the capacity of its SGMC flour mill in Cameroon to 600 tonnes per 24 hours. Photo courtesy of Ocrim.

PORT OF DOULA, CAMEROON — Ocrim has been contracted to update a facility in Cameroon for the SOMDIAA Group's subsidiary SGMC in two phases.

The first phase foresees the total arrangement of the warehouse, storage and shipment of finished products, the installation of the new milling section and the installation of the machines necessitated by the increase of the capacity of the existing mill. The facility's present capacity of 280 tonnes per 24 hours will be increased to 600 tonnes per 24 hours after the installation of a new milling line with a capacity of 200 tonnes per 24 hours and the increase in the capacity of the existing mill from 280 to 400 tonnes per 24 hours. Ocrim noted that the increase of the milling capacity of the existing section will be carried out with minimum stoppage of production.

The mill's automation software will be Ocrim's management@ mill that allows the management of the cleaning section, wheat milling, storage and shipment of the finished products and also of the scheduled maintenance and spare parts warehouse.

Ocrim noted that SOMDIAA is an important group in the food and agriculture sector in Africa. The group owns various branches in Cameroon, Gabon, Congo and Ile de la Réunion. Its activities cover a variety of sectors such as sugarcane production and processing, the production of flour and animal feed, and the selling of cotton fibers.

## Brock Grain Systems' M SERIES bins receive award

MILFORD, INDIANA, U.S. — Brock Grain Systems' M SERIES Commercial Grain Storage Bins were recently honored as one of 50 recipients of the 2011 AE50 Awards, presented by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). The annual award recognizes the world's best technology innovations introduced the previous year for the agricultural, food and biological systems industries.

Brock Grain Systems noted that it was one of many companies from around the world to submit an entry to the annual AE50 competition, where up to 50 of the top products are chosen by a panel of international engineering experts. The judges select products that will best advance engineering for the food and agriculture industries and emphasize the role of new products and systems in bringing advanced technology to the marketplace.

"Being recognized with this honor means that all of the time, work and dedication our engineers and employees provide to our customers and the agricultural industry is truly valued as our product innovations continue to move the industry forward," said Doug Niemeyer, vice-president and general manager for Brock Grain Systems. "We look forward to continuing to do our part in 2011 to offer the best, most innovative solutions to the grain storage industry."



## OPI-integris, CMC Industrial Electronics form alliance

PORTLAND, OREGON, U.S. — OPI-integris, a world leader for Advanced Grain Management solutions and CMC Industrial Electronics Ltd., a leader for HazMon technology, on Feb. 27 announced their Digital Alliance at a reception held at the Portland Convention Center following day one of the 2011 Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS) Exchange.

In a speech delivered by CMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Doug Forst and OPI-integris CEO Dave Crompton, they explained how their new alliance will bring the digital revolution to the grain processing industry.

"Both of our systems will now work together on an integrated platform," Forst said. "What this means is that our hazard monitoring can operate seamlessly with OPI-integris Advanced Grain Management grain monitoring software to provide the grain industry with a single, elegant, hazardous location-approved solution."

Crompton further elaborated, saying, "Our alliance represents a new digital standard that will change the way grain facilities are managed, starting now and for decades to come."

One of the key points Forst and Crompton addressed dealt with legacy-related concerns, by reassuring grain processors that their new digital platform would allow for the integration of current Thermocouple cables, while providing a digital solution over time.

"For those Thermocouple cables at, or approaching, end of life, you now have the ability to change up to digital technology for improved accuracy, reliability and capability as your budget allows, and without having to make a wholesale change-over of your entire system," Crompton said.

Another key offering of the Digital Alliance is the ability to seamlessly and easily tie into the balance of Plant Control systems, which Forst says will simplify plant information operations.

"It's a single point of display for all plant information management needs," Forst said. "Imagine, only one PC on the control room desk displaying plant operations, performing hazards functions and managing grain quality."

For more information about OPI-integris and CMC Industrial Electronics Ltd. and their new Digital Alliance, visit their websites at www.advancedgrainmanagement.com and www.cmciel.com.