

## Production starts at Honduran wheat mill built by Ocrim

CREMONA, ITALY — In December, production began at Harinero Sula Mills, S.A.'s new 200-tonne-per-24-hour soft and semi-hard wheat mill in Honduras.

Ocrim signed a contract with the Harinero Sula Mills in October 2010. Ocrim noted that it has had a working relationship with Harinero Sula Mills for more than 40 years.

Since its establishment in 1946, Harinero Sula Mills has consistently grown and is now an ISO 9000 certified company that produces flour and also provides technical support to its own customers. The planning and construction of the mill was based on the specific requests of the customer as per the rules in force in Honduras, Ocrim said, paying particular attention to the automation and hygiene.

Ocrim said the facility's production process is managed through a series of checks and controls that enable the optimization of wheat blends. This was important to Harinero Sula Mills so it could obtain the types of flour requested from its customers.

Great consideration was taken in respect to the hygienic aspects of the facility that are now fundamental to operations in all the markets worldwide, Ocrim said. Special consideration to hygiene was given not only on the single supplies side but also on the building and all the annexed structures.

Harinero Sula Mills also commissioned Ocrim to manage all the electric supply and installation starting with transforming the sub-station. Ocrim also managed the automation of the whole plant. The company said it carefully considered the design of the facility's automation systems and studied all the necessary steps to guarantee higher efficiencies from the power consumption point of view.



Ocrim supplied Harinero Sula Mills with a 200-tonne-per-24-hour soft and semi-hard wheat mill. Photo courtesy of Ocrim.

Ocrim said the facility yields a lower ash content and has an extremely high flour extraction rate.

To complete the package of services, two technicians from Harinero Sula Mills

in January 2012 will attend an advanced theoretical and practical course at Ocrim's recently renewed School of Milling Technology, "Cav. Luigi Grassi," located inside Ocrim's headquarters.

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