

Modifying, modernising and expanding mills in Europe



In March, Francesco Casillo, patron of Casillo Group, went to Cremona to meet with Ocrim's managing director, Alberto Antolini, and to sign a contract for a major supply for the Monfalcone plants, formerly Molino De Franceschi, acquired by Casillo. This new agreement is the result of Casillo's great trust in the Italian company based in Cremona, and such trust was consolidated and strengthened on this occasion. Casillo's investment is considered to be significant and not idle, since it does not simply involve acquiring existing mills that need to be modified, modernised or expanded, but rather an investment that will also bring benefits to the services and infrastructures of the area. The communities near the plants will thus benefit from a further development of the area with regard to the local industry, economy and trade.

We are only a few months into 2017 and three major European companies have already chosen Ocrim as their partner for the supply of plants. Ocrim, a company based in Cremona, is experiencing an upswing in Europe thanks to its proven expertise and long-standing history, but also for letting the world in on its most recent challenges, which include its involvement in the whole agri-food industry.

The breakthrough took place thanks to the partnership established between Ocrim and Bonifiche Ferraresi S.p.A., Italy's leading, world-renowned and esteemed agri-food company. "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, Ocrim's CEO, just over a year ago.

Last January, several members of Ocrim's management went to Strasbourg to meet Lionel Chevrier, director of the Grand Moulin de Strasbourg plant, in Strasbourg, to sign a contract to modify the plant by more than 1000 T/D, for which the extraction of white flour T.38 will be maximised. The Grand Moulin de Strasbourg plant is one of the 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.

Moreover in January, Kalizea, a French company specialising in maize processing, entered into an agreement with Ocrim to acquire the supply of a maize plant for the production of grits. The company Kalizea is part of the Vivescia group, one of the leading agri-food industries in the world, in charge of the management of the entire supply chain and, therefore, of the product from the cultivation phase until it reaches consumers.