

■ Ocrim supplies mill in Burkina Faso

CREMONA, ITALY — Ocrim has supplied a new 600-tpd flour mill in Burkina Faso to SBCI Industrie, which is part of Groupe Hajjar.

The mill will produce two types of flour: boulangerie, for baking, and patisserie or beignet, with a low ash content, for pastry or special applications.

With regard to patisserie and beignet flours, a single nozzle bagging line is envisaged for 10-, 25- and 50-kg bags. These flours mainly are destined for patisseries or food laboratories so their trade is oriented toward a more limited market.

The boulangerie flour is intended for the large industrial bakeries present throughout Burkina Faso and the neighboring countries. Bagging is carried out by two high-capacity jigs. The bagging potential for this type of flour is approximately 80%.

The plant was installed during the harshest period of the COVID-19 pandemic and also during a phase of difficult political-social tensions that have been afflicting Burkina Faso for some time, Ocrim said. As a testament to the versatility of the two companies and with the help of the diplomatic expertise of SBCI Industrie's chief executive officer and his reassurances, maximum safety was always guaranteed for the specialized personnel involved in installing the plant.

Groupe Hajjar plans to create a proper agri-food centre,



The SBCI Industrie flour mill in Burkina Faso.

thereby becoming an essential reference point for the entire area. Ocrim, at the customer's request, has designed the plant for possible future expansion, supporting this vision. SBCI Industrie also has an extensive network of industrial bakeries in Burkina Faso.

Fifteen years ago, Ocrim supplied SBCI Industrie with a common wheat processing plant with a capacity of 180 tpd.

"Today, we at Ocrim are once again proud to support the healthy and enlightened business of the Hajjar family," the company said.

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