

Refinery



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Sugar Refined



Refined Sugar



REFINERY OPERATIONS

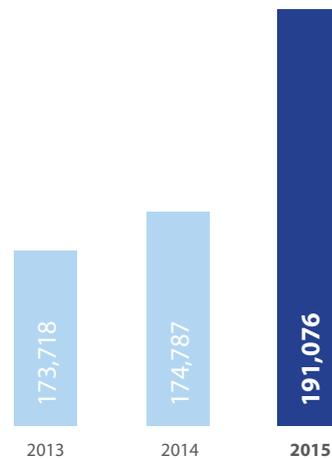
Omnicané's refinery has an annual production capacity of around 200,000 tonnes of white refined sugar type EEC GDII.

In 2015, the sugar refinery produced 191,076 tonnes of refined sugar, representing an increase of 9.3% compared to last year's production (2014: 174,787 tonnes). This was due to the extended crop season and more plantation white sugar available. Despite this commendable performance of the refinery, it fell short of its production forecast of 196,000 tonnes, owing to periods of irregular steam supply at the start of 2015 when the bad weather affected the proper running of the small energy plant.

Year 2015 has been a major stepping stone in the development of a more flexible production tool which can cater for different types of white refined sugar as well as various options of packaging and new marketing possibilities. In line with the MSS requirements, our sale of bagged refined sugar increased to 49,525 tonnes, out of which 35,000 tonnes were packed in 50-kg bags. In addition, following the new agreement of the MSS with EU sugar players, Cristalco and British Sugar, the refinery was also able to produce and deliver high grade white refined sugar (EEC grade I and Bottler's grade sugar) to Europe. We are expanding our market reach on the African region and COMESA markets, where 26,000 tonnes of refined sugar were delivered in 2015. Since September 2015, we have also been a regular supplier of refined sugar to Coca-Cola.

Prospects

For 2016, 1,290,000 tonnes of cane are expected to be crushed, translating into the production of about 130,290 tonnes of raw sugar. As the 2015 crop was a reduced one and the fact that part of Medine PWS is being shared with another refinery, the refinery was being faced with a raw material shortage in 2016. To mitigate this risk, Omnicané imported some 42,000 tonnes of raw sugar from Brazil in March 2016. This sugar will be refined as from April 2016 and be then exported. This will ensure that we use the refinery to its optimal capacity and that in line with our strategy for a direct route to the market we strengthen the flexibility of the production tool.



Omnicané Refinery
sugar export (tonnes)

