Press Release

Investment in Bin Fleet Capacity

Tully Sugar Limited is pleased to announce that it has placed an order with Bradken Ltd for 125 new ten tonne cane bins for delivery between May and July 2013. The bins will be manufactured at Bradken’s Innisfail facility.

Tully Sugar Limited CEO Mr. Alick Osborne said "This is by far the largest purchase order for ten tonne cane bins that Tully Sugar has ever placed. It allows us to increase the capacity of our fleet and will assist with better service delivery to Tully Sugar growers and harvest operators. We expect that there will be a reduction in both our operating and maintenance costs as a result of this significant addition to our fleet".

Chairman of Tully Sugar Limited Mr. Dick Camilleri added "the purchase of 125 new bins is another part of Tully Sugar meeting the commitments made by COFCO during the acquisition of the Mill to improve mill operations and manage the logistics task resulting from cane supply expansion". “Tully Sugar is pleased to be buying Australian made from a local supplier - supporting a regional manufacturer with a quality product.”

Bradken and Tully Sugar have worked closely for many years to develop and improve the design of the bins to optimise carrying capacity and efficiency of the Tully Sugar cane railway.

The design will include Bradken’s new coupling which has been developed to address infrastructure safety and robust wagon coupling concerns throughout Queensland’s sugar industry. “Bradken is pleased to be able to progress the trialling of this new coupler with Tully Sugar. The coupler has evolved from close interaction and an understanding of customer needs through product development, trialling and commissioning to ultimately deliver a solution that ensures our customers can operate with confidence” said Mr. Ron Donges, Manufacturing Manager at Bradken Innisfail.

"With this large order of new bins we intend to trial the new coupling, and if the trial is successful, to begin converting our fleet over time to replace the existing pin and link coupling that requires manual uncoupling and re-coupling of each bin. We expect this change will improve the safety and efficiency of our operations as the new couplings are installed" said Mr. Osborne.

Tully Sugar Limited operates one of the largest and most efficient sugar mills in Australia, based at Tully in Queensland, where it has crushed more than 2.4 million tonnes of cane in a single season. The company produces bulk raw sugar for export, molasses for the domestic and export markets, and renewable energy that is exported to the Queensland electricity grid. Tully Sugar Limited is the largest single employer in the district. Tully Sugar was acquired by COFCO Corporation in July 2011.
Bradken employs over 6,000 people and is a global designer, manufacturer and supplier of differentiated capital and consumable products to the mining and construction, agriculture, rail and transit, energy and general industrial markets. The company’s global footprint includes 34 manufacturing facilities throughout Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, China, the United States of America, Canada, Malaysia and Indonesia supported by a global network of sales and service facilities. The driving force behind the company is a commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. Bradken’s aim is to provide all customers with value through the creation of specialised product solutions.

Bradken Innisfail is a medium fabrication and machine shop facility with a specialised vacuum brazing unit supplying differentiated capital and consumable products to the domestic and global sugar industries. The Innisfail operation employs a team of 36 dedicated, experienced and highly skilled employees.

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