

GUYANA SUGAR CORPORATION Inc.

Ogle Estate, East Coast Demerara

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WORK IN FACTORY SIDE OF SSMP NEARING COMPLETION

All major plant and equipment for the factory component of the Skeldon Sugar Modernisation Project have now been installed and pre-startup preparations and testing of sub-systems are taking place throughout the factory. Finishing work continues throughout the factory on pipelines, electrical distribution, drainage, access ways, lighting and civil works.

The current priority is in the boilers and steam turbines as this plant will be the first required. The boilers have been dried out ready for chemical cleaning after which steam will then be raised for the purposes of blowing out the steam lines to the turbines.

The oil combustion systems are also being made ready for operation. The automatic control systems are being activated for the first time which will then make them available for testing and final configuration.

These activities will culminate with the testing of the whole factory as an integrated unit after which it will be taken-over by GUYSUCO for commercial operation.

Training is also in progress with the contractor and various suppliers conducting class room and in-plant training. Key staff are already working full time in the new factory in order to participate in the current activities and to become acquainted with their new responsibilities.

Meanwhile, the diesel generation plant continues to supply a base load of around 4 MW to the national grid and the power station operating teams have settled into routine operations.

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