

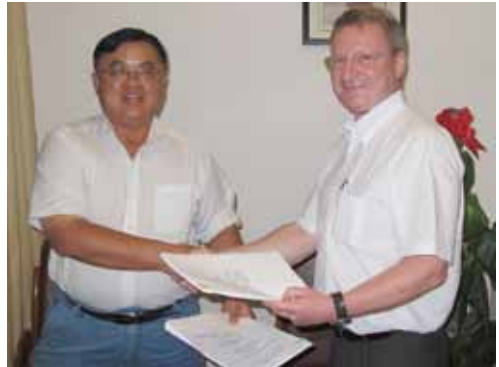
# New COFCO refinery in Chongzuo, China



In August 2011, a contract for a 45-ton drum dryer/cooler and several batch centrifugals was signed, which forms part of the planned construction of a new sugar refinery for the state-owned company COFCO.

COFCO is the largest food group in China and ranks among the world's top 500 companies according to Fortune Magazine. BMA therefore considers the project a particular honour and a challenge, not least, because the five-month delivery period was extremely short, and the coordination of all the departments and supplier companies did not allow any delay.

Chongzuo is located about 1.5 hours' drive east of Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Province, South China. With Chongzuo and other planned refinery locations, COFCO is planning to become the No. 1 also on China's sugar market. Chinese sugar production is subject to strong annual fluctuations, and the country's own cultivations will in future hardly be able to cover the constantly growing demand for sugar. COFCO's strategy to invest in further refinery projects therefore makes perfect sense. And COFCO is strengthening its international involvement in the sugar industry further with takeovers abroad (e.g., Tully Sugar, Australia, in July 2011).



*Mr Zhang (COFCO) and Dirk Meyer  
signing the contract*

In an interview with Business Week, COFCO President Frank Ning described his company's role as that of a link between the increasing food demand in China and sources outside the country, which he hopes to find and develop worldwide.

For BMA, this is the fifth complete drying line built in China in the past years, and the fourth one in Guangxi Province. BMA will continue to be a reliable partner for COFCO in the future.

*Dirk Meyer*

*COFCO site*

*in Chongzuo*

