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Al Shakriya Sugar Factory – Egypt

The Executive Director would like to draw your attention to the opening of Egypt's new Sugar Factory "Al Shakriya" by the Al Nouran Sugar Group, who initiated the idea and is one of the present shareholders of the new company, and the "Egyptian Sugar & Integrated Industries Company (ESIIC) who is a key operator of the plant and also a shareholder.

The Al Nouran Sugar Group, Egypt has started sugar production at its modern complex – "Al Shakriya" Sugar Factory. The state-of-the-art development is aspiring to be one of the biggest in the world to produce refined sugar from beet and raw sugar.



Al Sharkiya Al Nouran sugar complex.
Source: Al Nouran

The complex covers about 1.8 million square meters of land with four various production lines, a total production of around 600,000 mt and a site capacity estimated at 2.4 million mt/year. Run for the first time last week, the complex is expected to operate at about 50% of its capacity level with the aim of reaching its full capacity the following year. Full capacity for the plant production of "Beet sugar" is $\pm 23,000$ mt/year from processing, ± 1.3 mt/year beet, the rest will be from raw sugar refining. The infrastructure is built with modern technology to aid reducing energy consumption while extracting high rate of sugar during production.

Egypt is one of the countries in the world with a growing sugar deficit coupled with its rising sugar consumption (38% in last 10 years) above population (23% in last 10 years), growth that makes the country an attractive destination for investors. While domestic sugar production has increased by more than 700,000 mt since 2009 to 2.5 million mtrv in 2017-18 to meet consumption demand, Egypt's sugar deficit has over the years still exceeded 1 million mt and the gap has been filled by importing sugar to meet its growing consumption.



Al Nouran's main objective is to reduce Egypt's dependency on sugar imports and meet the demand of domestic sugar deficit with enough surplus to target the MENA region. The complex also aims to tap into other industries such as molasses, alcohol, biofuels, yeast and fertilizers. The scale of this project will certainly generate positives from a social aspect by creating jobs which will in turn boast economic growth.