



Press Release

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Re: Barbados Ice Cream Produced In Canada

Maintenance work involving welding resulted in a fire on August 18, 2009 which destroyed BICO's engineering department, the adjacent dry goods store and the ice cream factory. However, management of the 108 year old Barbadian company has moved swiftly to ensure that the ice cream loved by Barbadians remains available.

After the fire, BICO had a limited supply of ice cream available. As a result, Chief Executive Officer, Edwin Thirlwell travelled to Canada and reported that he has confirmed arrangements with two ice cream manufactures, Scotsburn's Dairy of Nova Scotia and Maypole Dairy of Toronto who have agreed to produce BICO ice cream to meet the immediate demands of the market.



"We are very pleased we have been able to confirm arrangements so quickly and can ensure our customers that their ice cream will have the same great taste they enjoy. Production Manager, Desmond Williams also travelled to Canada to supervise the production of the first batches of BICO ice cream ... and we are confident that the ice cream will meet BICO's standards of quality and taste".

BICO already has a contract with another Canadian firm, Stanpac in Ontario where its packaging is manufactured. Additionally, many of the special inclusions BICO uses also originate in Canada. Thus the production of the ice cream in Canada was a logical solution.

This first shipment of BICO ice cream produced at Scotsburn is scheduled to be shipped to Barbados later this week.

BICO also distributes Nestle and Unilever products and exports throughout the Caribbean to as far south of Guyana, Trinidad, Grenada, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts and as far north as Belize. Distribution of BICO in Canada and the United Kingdom is now feasible.

The Harbour Cold Store, a division of BICO which operates over one million cubic feet of commercial cold storage facility at the Bridgetown Barbados Port was not damaged in the recent fire and operations there have been continuing.