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Four Mexican State-Owned Sugar Mills Sold

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Report Highlights:

On June 12, 2015, the Mexican government's Service of Administration and Disposition of Assets (SAE), announced the results of the tender for the sale of nine state-owned sugar mills. Two packages containing two mills each, for a total of four mills, were sold. The remaining five state-owned sugar mills will be auctioned again in the future.

General Information:

On March 26, 2015, the Mexican government's Service of Administration and Disposition of Assets (SAE) published in the "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) the public tenders for the sale of nine state-owned sugar mills (see GAIN report [MX5012](#)). On June 12, 2015, the tender was completed and two packages, each containing two mills, were sold while three packages containing five additional mills were declared void as no parties expressed interest in buying them.

[SAE](#)'s press release 05/15 indicates that the first package was assigned to the Zucarmex Group and includes the Atencingo mill in Puebla and the San Cristobal mill in Veracruz. The second portfolio was declared void. The third portfolio was assigned to the Beta San Miguel Group that includes the Casasano mill and the Emiliano Zapata mill, both in Morelos. The fourth and fifth portfolios were declared void. The nine sugar mills included in the original tender represent 22.2 percent of average annual Mexican sugar production, while the four sugar mills sold represent about 12.4 percent of average annual Mexican sugar production.

Beta San Miguel owns six sugar mills: Constanca mill in Veracruz, Queseria mill in Colima, San Francisco Ameca mill in Jalisco, San Miguel del Naranjo mill in San Luis Potosi, San Rafael de Pucte mill in Quintana Roo, and Santa Rosalia mill in Tabasco.

Zucarmex Group owns five mills: El Higo and Mahuixtlan in Veracruz, La Primavera in Sinaloa, Melchor Ocampo in Jalisco, and Pujiltic in Chiapas.

SAE indicated that the five mills that were not sold will continue operating under the Mexican government's Fund of Expropriated Sugar Sector Businesses (FEESA) until new alternatives are studied to sell all of them. Therefore, another auction for these mills is expected in the future.

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Report Number	Subject	Date Submitted
MX 5017	Sugar Annual Report	04/16/2015
MX 5012	Mexico Puts State-Owned Sugar Mills up for Sale	03/30/2015

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