

Firm's \$13m project to boost production of fuel-grade ethanol

# Sarina distillery set to almost double output



The CSR distillery at Sarina expects to be producing 60 million litres of fuel-grade ethanol by the middle of next year.

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THE CSR distillery at Sarina will upgrade its production of fuel-grade ethanol from 38 millions litres a year to 60 million litres a year.

The upgrade will start towards the end of this crushing season and is expected to be completed by the start of the 2009 crush.

It also coincides with a push for more ethanol-blended fuel to be used by petrol companies.

Specialist engineering and construction contractor, Bilfinger Berger Services, announced yesterday that it had been awarded a \$13 million project to boost production capacity at CSR Limited's ethanol distillery in

Sarina.

The Sarina distillery produces 38 million litres of fuel-grade ethanol and 22 million litres of industrial/ beverage-grade ethanol.

The upgrade of the distillery will involve the installation of a molecular sieve dehydration unit, allowing all 60 million litres of production to be converted to fuel-grade ethanol.

Bilfinger Berger Services' managing director Mark Elliott said the company would provide all engineering, procurement and construction services for the project, together with Indian technology subcontractor Praj, which will supply the molecular sieve unit.

"This project builds on our success as a solution

provider for complex process technology projects, based on the company's in-house design and construction capability," Mr Elliott said.

Construction of the Sarina project is set to start in November and completion is scheduled for June 2009.

The project is the second molecular sieve unit installation at the Sarina facility undertaken by Bilfinger Berger Services.

The first installation was completed in 2006.

Bilfinger Berger Services is a specialist engineering contractor and high-end asset solution provider dedicated to relationship contracting.

It has more than 3000 employees across Australia and New Zealand.