

## ***Siemens to supply automation technology to largest sugar refinery in North America***

In the second week of March Siemens Industry Automation Division, Nuremberg, Germany, announced that it had been awarded a contract to equip the biggest sugar refinery operating in North America with electrical and control systems. The plant, which is at present under construction in Gramercy, LA, will be owned and operated by Louisiana Sugar Refinery, a joint venture set up with Sugar Growers and Refiners, Cargill and Imperial Sugar Company. It is due to start production this September, producing a million tons of sugar annually.

Siemens will be supplying a wide range of electrical and control system components for the refinery. These include the Simatic PCS 7 distributed control system, valve positioners, switchgear, smart motor control centres, Sinamics centrifugal drives and NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturers Association) certified motors. Added to this will be many software templates used to optimise the sugar refining process.

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