

# SUGARSLETTER

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## Sugars™ used for first new beet sugar factory in USA in 25 years

The first new beet sugar factory to be built in the United States in 25 years is located in Moses Lake, Washington. It is being built for the Columbia River Sugar Cooperative. The design of the factory was done by Imperial Holly Corporation which will also manage it when it is completed.

Mr. Troy Wright, Process Engineer for Imperial Holly said: "Sugars was the main tool that we used in developing the heat and material balance for the grass roots beet factory we are building in Moses Lake, Washington USA. After the model of the factory was developed, Sugars was used extensively during the design phase of the project to quickly weigh one design option against another. No changes in design were done before first analyzing them with Sugars. The data from the Sugars balance was used to size all of the pumps, piping and new process equipment that we are installing at Moses Lake."

The startup of the new factory is expected to occur in September 1998. Construction is presently proceeding on schedule.

### Other new projects

American Crystal Sugar Company used Sugars to design a new molasses desugarization plant (see example MDS flow diagram shown on back) for their Hillsboro factory. United States Sugar Corp. used Sugars for the initial material and heat balances for their new cane sugar refinery being built in Clewiston, Florida. And, other companies used Sugars to improve and, or expand their factories and/or refineries in 1996-1997.

### Sugars now in 22 countries

Sugar companies in twenty-two (22) countries of the world have purchased a license to use Sugars to improve the performance of their factories. Companies and Universities located in Germany, USA, Italy, Spain, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Tanzania, India and Argentina purchased a license to use Sugars during the last 1-1/2 years.

### Conventions Attended

Demonstrations were given in 1997 at the American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists (ASSBT) meeting in Phoenix, Arizona USA, the Sugar Industry Technologists (SIT) meeting in Montreal, Canada and the South African Sugar Technologists Association (SASTA) meeting in Durban, South Africa. Look for Sugars at the SIT meeting in Marseille, France during May 10-13, 1998.

### SASTA paper presented

A paper entitled "Simulation of the Malelane and Komati mills with Sugars simulation software" was presented at the 1997 SASTA meeting in Durban, South Africa by Mr. Nico Stolz, Transvaal Suiker Beperk. It shows the results from Sugars models built for their Komati mill and Malelane mill and refinery. The paper received a "highly commended" award.

