

Two large VKTs due to be commissioned shortly

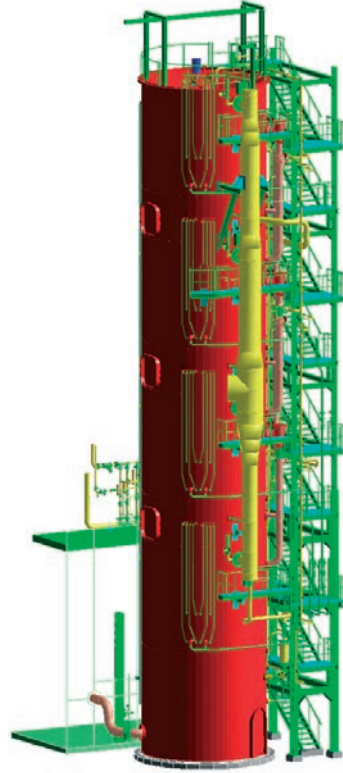
As reported in our 2006/2007 Information, BMA received an order from the Jeddah-based SAVOLA group for a refined-sugar VKT with a throughput of up to 190 t/h. Shipment and assembly, including installation of the necessary pipework, have in the meantime been completed, and the VKT is now rapidly nearing its commissioning date. Since the refinery produces sugar on about 350 days a year, the VKT, which is to be fully integrated into the overall refinery concept, had to be linked up with the system within the refinery's rather short non-production period. Eventually, in the middle of April, the famous red button will be pressed to start the VKT. Its positive effects will be a reduced sugar-house workload at increased throughput rates and reduced uniform specific steam consumption.

Another order for a VKT, diameter 5,600 mm, has been placed by CO.PRO.B. Minerbio, Italy. As from the end of July 2007, this VKT will produce 120 t of raw sugar per hour. The unit has already been shipped and assembly work is in full swing. The very experienced sugar factory staff has prepared the ground for installation of the VKT to be completed without any problems before the beginning of the campaign.

With this VKT, too, the customer had opted for outdoor installation, next to another BMA VKT for 'C' product.

With the considerable increase in sugar house capacity, the Minerbio sugar factory will be ready to meet the challenges of the new sugar regime. The VKT makes an essential contribution to maximizing throughput in the sugar house, while keeping floor space and staffing requirements low. The factory can now look to the future with optimism from a strengthened basis.

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*VKT with a diameter
of 5,600 mm*

Benefits

- Minimal space requirements
- Uniform, low steam consumption
- Outdoor installation possible
- Low staffing level
- High degree of automation