Sugar Corporation of Uganda Limited (SCOUL), a sugar manufacturer in Uganda.

Overview [edit]

SCOUL is the third-largest manufacturer of sugar in Uganda, producing an estimated 60,000 metric tonnes annually, accounting for approximately 17% of national output.\[^2\] Kakira Sugar Works, in Kakira, Jinja District, is the largest sugar manufacturer in the country, accounting for approximately 47% of national output. Kinyara Sugar Works, in Kinya, just outside of Masindi, in Masindi District has an annual output of 110,000 metric tons annually, accounting for about 31% of national output. Uganda's fourth-largest sugar producer is Sango Bay Estates Limited, in Sango Bay, Rakai District, producing 15,000 metric tonnes in 2011, accounting for about 5% of national output.\[^3\]

The sugar produced by the four companies is marketed to the Eastern African countries of Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. SCOUL is currently undergoing renovations and expansion to increase output to 100,000 metric tonnes annually by 2013.\[^4\]

History [edit]

Shri Nanjibhai Kalidas Mehta, is the founder of the Mehta Group of Companies, a Mumbai-based conglomerate, with business interests spanning four (4) continents, namely: Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

In 1900, at age thirteen (13), he left his native India and sailed to Eastern Africa, settling in Uganda, near the town of Lugazi, Buikwe District in Central Uganda. Over the next thirty (30) to forty (40) years Mehta travelled back and fourth between India and East Africa, a total of forty-six (46) times. During that period, he established the following in Uganda:(a) cotton ginneries (b) a sugar plantation (c) a sugar factory (d) tea plantations (e) coffee plantations. The sugar factory, established in 1924, was the founding of what today is known as SCOUL.

The Mehta Family lost their Ugandan assets in 1972, when Idi Amin, dispossessed all Asians of their businesses and personal property. Those assets were returned in the 1980s with the change of government in the country. Since then, the family has rehabilitated their businesses and started new ones as well\[^5\]

Location [edit]

The main factory of the company is located in the town of Lugazi, approximately 48 kilometres (30 mi), by road, east of Kampala, the capital of Uganda and the largest city in that country.\[^6\] The coordinates of the SCOUL factory are: +0°22'48"N, +32°56'42"E (Latitude:0.380000; Longitude:32.945000).

Ownership [edit]

SCOUL is a subsidiary of the Mehta Group, a diversified industrial and investment conglomerate based in Mumbai, India, employing over 10,000 people in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. As of April 2011, the shareholding in SCOUL is as depicted in the table below:\[^7\]

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