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Cane fields in the desert

Located north of Senegal, in the Province of St. Louis, the agro-industrial complex of the CSS covers 10 000 ha of irrigated land allocated to a sugar cane plantation with an annual production of over 1 million tons of cane.

The cane is transported to the processing plant where it is crushed to extract the sugar juice, which is then crystallized and dried.

An investment program of EUR 100 million is underway to increase the annual sugar production capacity at CSS from 100,000 to 150,000 tons by the year 2013/2014.

This investment will ensure self-sufficiency of sugar produced in Senegal and CSS will strengthen its position as the market leader in the sugar industry in West Africa.

In 2007, CSS also set up a distillery with a capacity of 12 million liters per year, for the production of ethanol fuel and high quality alcohol. With approximately 6,000 employees, the Compagnie Sucrnière Sénégalaise is the largest private employer in the country after the state.

With a Medical Service, a residential city for executives and a school providing a curriculum in French, the CSS is the source of exponential population growth in the town of Richard-Toll, which from 2000 inhabitants in the 1970s, now has more than 100,000 inhabitants, making it the second most populous city in the Senegal River Valley, after St. Louis, the regional capital.

«The future cannot be bought, it has to be built»

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