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Report Highlights:

The Polish National Sugar Company S.A. (KSC), a state-owned enterprise (SOE), opened a new port terminal in the Port of Gdansk specifically for sugar exports. The terminal's capacity is 300,000 metric tons (MT) of sugar per year. KSC is looking to increase Polish sugar exports outside of the European Union (EU) and claims it will increase sugar production to 1.0 million metric tons (MMT) annually to accommodate higher anticipated exports. Additionally another Polish SME is making moves to purchase a grain and oilseed sea terminal in Swinoujscie from Bunge Poland.

General Information:

On October 10, 2019, KSC opened its sugar terminal at the Port of Gdansk. The facility includes a 50,000 MT silo, sugar stowage, and an 8,000 MT warehouse. The terminal can accommodate high-capacity vessels and is serviced by new road and rail infrastructure. Although KSC invested PLN100 million (\$26 million) in the facility, it expects to reduce current operation costs, as it will no longer need to rent external storage space. The new terminal's annual export capacity is 300,000 MT.

KSC is the largest sugar beet producer in Poland (and one of the largest in Europe) and includes sugar factories in Dobrzelin, Kluczewo, Krasnystaw, Kruszwica, Malbork, Nakło, and Werbkowice, as well as a horticultural processing plant. Its headquarters are in Włocławek and Poland's State Treasury is its majority shareholder. Sugar beet growers and sugar industry employees also own about 20 percent of total shares. KSC factories process about 6.0 MMT of sugar beets annually, supplied by 15,000 growers. In marketing year 2018/19, KSC produced over 910,000 MT of sugar. It currently plans to increase sugar beet sugar production to over 1.0 MMT. KSC also looks to export upwards of 30 percent of its production to non-EU markets.

In September 2019, the Ministry of Agriculture's (MinAg) National Agricultural Support Center signed a letter of intent with Bunge Poland to purchasing a grain and oilseed port terminal in Swinoujscie on the Baltic Sea in northwestern Poland. The terminal's capacity is 1.0 MMT. Wharfs and fairways can accommodate ships to a maximum depth of 11.9 meters. The terminal is equipped with an access road, a railway siding, grain storage warehouses, and service facilities. According to MinAg officials, a dedicated, state-owned port terminal for Polish agriculture will help Polish farmers be more globally competitive.

Photo 1: Minister of Agriculture Jan Krzysztof Ardanowski Opens New Gdansk Sugar Terminal



Source: Port Gdansk SA

Photo 2: The New Sugar Terminal in Gdansk



Source: Port Gdansk SA

Attachments:

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