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ROBERN MENZ WILL HAVE A 1.1M NEW CHOCOLATE MAKING DEPARTMENT

Awarded almost \$500,000 from AusIndustry Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment program

South Australia's largest confectioner, Robern Menz (home of SA's iconic FruChocs) has announced they will be revolutionising their Chocolate Making Department rolling out a 1.1M upgrade to their production facility at Glynde, Adelaide.

The upgrade has been made possible by the Australian Government's AusIndustry - Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment program, who has awarded Robern Menz the \$499,770 grant.

The Chocolate Making Department will see a complete state of the art refurbishment by replacing boilers and chocolate refiners with new energy efficient equipment. The project is expected to reduce the carbon emissions intensity of Robern Menz' boilers and refiners by 49% and will result in savings of \$185,000 in energy costs per year!

WHAT WILL BE UPGRADED & WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Boiler Replacement

- Replacement of an existing manually-operated fire tube boiler and small electric boiler with an unattended water tube boiler. This will increase Robern Menz steam generation capacity by 50% and result in a reduction in GHG emissions of 285tonnes over the next five years!

Chocolate Refiners Replacement

- Replacement of four 1970's power hungry chocolate refining machines (conches). Robern Menz will replace these four machines with two machines, which will increase Robern Menz chocolate making capacity by 56% and reducing carbon emissions by 2,275tonnes over the next five years.

This will be the second stage in Robern Menz's goal to become a leader in "greener" confectionery production. In 2011, Robern Menz overhauled their refrigeration plant and warehousing infrastructure significantly, reducing the company's carbon footprint.

Robern Menz CEO Philip Sims said, "We are most grateful for the Australian Government's assistance and their recognition of the positive impact on the environment this project will create. A critical success factor has been the dedication and skill of the project team which included Robern Menz employees and a number of key advisor stakeholders."

Robern Menz

Robern Menz is a 103 year old fourth generation family run business located at Glynde. Led today by brothers Philip Sims (CEO) and Richard Sims (GM Operations) – it is South Australia's largest confectioner. The company's brands include - Menz Confectionery (including the SA Icon Menz FruChocs), Medlow Fruit Gels and Robern Fruit Snacks.

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