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About Us

The Caribbean Millers' Association (CMA) comprises of flour milling companies in Barbados, Belize, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago. Membership has been extended to incorporate allied industries such as Feed Mills, Bakeries and suppliers of milling equipment. The aims of the Association are:

- To protect the flour milling industry from unfair competition
- To develop and exchange problem-solving ideas across the region
- To present a regional lobbying position for negotiation with extra-regional agencies

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Visit our website to learn more about our Members & Associate Members

www.CaribMillers.com

Our Members

- ADM Barbados Mills
- ADM Belize Mills
- ADM Jamaica Flour Mills
- Caribbean Agro Industries
- Caribbean Flour Mills
- De Molen Flour Mills
- East Caribbean Group of Companies
- Grand Moulins des Antilles
- Les Moulins d'Haiti
- Molinos de Puerto Rico
- Molinos Modernos
- National Flour Mills
- National Milling Company of Guyana
- Nutrimix Flour Mills

Associate Members

- AgriChem Inc.
- Buhler Inc.
- Caribbean Milling S.A.
- CWB
- Engrain
- GAP SA Grains & Produits
- Kansas City Bag Company
- Lemapack B.V.
- Manyan Inc.
- Material Motion
- Ocrim, SPA
- Polypro Solutions
- U.S. Wheat Associates

Ocrim celebrates 70 years in business! Learn more about Ocrim on page 3.

In the Spotlight:**National Milling Company of Guyana (NAMILCO)**

National Milling Company of Guyana Inc.
Our success depends on the quality and commitment of our people.

Recipe supplied by NAMILCO**Chocolate Soufflé****Ingredients:**

200g dark chocolate, chopped
150g butter, cut into cubes-plus extra for the ramekins
6 eggs
175g sugar
125g Thunderbolt Flour

Steps:

1. Heat the oven to 180 C/fan 160C/ Gas 4. Butter 6 medium ramekins.
2. Melt the chocolate with butter in a bowl over simmering water or in a microwave.
3. Beat the eggs with the sugar until they are very light & fluffy and then fold in the Thunderbolt Flour. Fold in the chocolate mixture.
4. Divide between the ramekins (put in the fridge at this point if you're making ahead).
5. Bake for 8-12 minutes, the soufflés should rise & form a firm crust but you want them still to be slightly runny in the middle.
6. Serve with cream.

These melting chocolate puddings are much sturdier than ordinary soufflés and will behave even if made ahead (but not cooked). Just store in the fridge until you need them and remember to add a couple of minutes to the cooking time to compensate for the cold. The middle should still be saucy when they are ready.

Brief History

- ❖ NAMILCO, a subsidiary of Seaboard Corporation, was incorporated in 1969. The mill was established with a capacity to produce 3,300 one hundred-pound sacks per 24hr period. Initially, 45 workers were hired & as the demand for product increased, so did employment opportunities for Guyanese.

Brands

- ❖ In 1998, NAMILCO recognized the need for smaller packaged products & was the first company in Guyana to commence packaging of bulk products into 1kg & 2kg packets. Rice followed & more recently, sugar. Today small packaging accounts for a significant portion of production under two successful brands- Thunderbolt & Maid Marian.



NAMILCO Brands

Development

- ❖ Over the years, NAMILCO has re-tooled the mill & continues to strive to produce consistent quality products. On their 40th



Inside the mill

Anniversary, NAMILCO achieved ISO 9001 certification & through this they are committed to developing & maintaining & continually improving their Quality Management System.

Executive

Managing Director:	Mr. Roopnarine (Bert) Sukhai
Operations Manager:	Mr. Ralf Hemsing
Financial Controller:	Mr. Fitzroy McLeod
Asst. to Managing Director:	Mr. Autamaram Lakeram
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In the Spotlight: Ocrim



OCRIM was founded in 1945 by the Member of the Order of Merit for Labour Guido Grassi, with his brother Ettore and his cousin Luigi Grassi, an expert miller.

The company in a short time became one of the most important and widely-known names in the flour milling sector.

OCRIM specializes in milling plants, feed mills and general cereals processing, including - and especially - turnkey formula systems. In addition, the company invests heavily in research, training, customer services and communication.

OCRIM has two sites in the city of Cremona: the original headquarter in Via Massarotti and the premises at the canal port.



Plan sifter & sieves workshop- Ocrim logistic port area site

Turn-Key Projects

From the outset, **OCRIM has specialized in turnkey projects**, and this is why its clients regard the company as a reliable and comprehensive partner. The company therefore offers oversight of the entire process.

Customer Service

OCRIM's aim is to supply its clients with long-lasting machinery and high-quality, efficient services. Innovative solutions have been introduced in order to reduce energy use and minimizing operating and maintenance costs. **Automation** is a crucial factor for a plant which needs to guarantee maximum performance in terms of yield, and hence technological innovation in this area is the order of the day.

In recent years OCRIM has succeeded in giving tangible form to the **Italian Made** project: the production process takes place exclusively within the company, which believes wholeheartedly in Italian Made quality.

The partnership between the futuristic approach of the engineers and the expertise of the workers provides the winning key for creating excellent, high quality products to meet the demands of the milling sector market.

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Letter from the President



Karlene Nicholls- President of the CMA

The first issue of our quarterly newsletter is here! This initiative is geared towards highlighting the CMA and its members and will help in the achievement/advancement of our goals. We have grown since our inception in 1996 and still continue to make considerable progress. Recently, the CMA has become a financial member of the Caribbean Association of Industry & Commerce (CAIC). The CAIC sits on various regional bodies with international reach and is consulted on the development of policies that affect many aspects of business in the Caribbean, Latin America and globally. Our membership will give us accessibility to draft policies and papers and will enable us to make comments and recommendations for consideration on various bodies that CAIC representatives lobby for on our behalf.

Our most recent AGM in Haiti was a success and we are making preparations for the next one in Jamaica.

The CMA has a new Administrator and a new Executive body. Newly elected posts are as follows:

- ❖ **President-** Karlene Nicholls (ADM Barbados Mills Ltd)
- ❖ **1st VP-** Ronnie Mohammed (Nutrimix Flour Mills)
- ❖ **2nd VP-** Mitchell Skalicky (U.S. Wheat Associates)
- ❖ **Secretary/Treasurer-** Derrick Nembhard (ADM Jamaica Flour Mills)

It is a privilege and honour to serve as President of the CMA, building on the foundation that has been set by my forerunners. I would like to thank our Members and Associate Members and all those who have been supporting the CMA throughout the years. I look forward to another productive year as we grow from strength to strength.

Warmest regards,

Karlene

*Ocrim Profile continued from page 3***Commitment**

OCRIM also believes in research and development since it is a crucial factor in becoming a benchmark in terms of quality and expertise in the milling sector. In fact, OCRIM has always created innovative systems to improve and simplify the work of design, production, assembly and testing.

School

OCRIM's commitment to training dates back to 1965, when the first **International School of Milling Technology** was founded. Today the School is considered one of the company's flagships. Theoretical courses are accompanied by practical experience, thanks to a **pilot mill** with capacity of 24 T/D and a **well-equipped laboratory**. OCRIM uses numerous methods of communication to broadcast its philosophy. Indeed, the company benefits from considerable visibility, both through national and international publications of the sector and via its three websites.

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18th Annual General Meeting

The CMA would like to express appreciation to Les Moulins d'Haiti , Les Cereales d'Haiti and all other sponsors who made the 18th AGM a success.

Here are a few pictures from the event.



Delegates pose for a group photo



Delegates make a toast during lunch



The CMA Executive body



Dining on the final evening

Visit our Event Gallery for more photos

<http://caribmillers.org/18th-annual-general-meeting-haiti/>

Behind the Scenes: Meet CMA's New Administrator**Who am I?**

My name is Fiona C. Hannam. I am a 21 year old student at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, studying Banking & Finance and Economics. I am a dynamic, God-fearing individual who loves to learn new things. I enjoy overcoming challenges that arise in my professional and personal life.

Why am I here?

My main purpose is to aid the CMA in the advancement of its goals. I am actively involved in the day to day operations of the Association under the guidance and supervision of the Executive body and primarily the Secretary/Treasurer. I believe my job is of great significance and so it is with much pleasure I serve the CMA.

Subscription Notices

- ❖ Subscription fees for the period December 2014 to November 2015 have become due. Please settle outstanding amounts if you have not already done so.
- ❖ Members may now login to the secure area on our website www.CaribMillers.com

Upcoming Events**June**

- ✓ Executive half year meeting in Trinidad

December

- ✓ 19th Annual General Meeting in Jamaica