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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **New evaporators take shape**

While the focus at this time of year tends to be on the crush, Wilmar Sugar's work execution teams are working behind the scenes on major pieces of plant that will be installed once the season ends.

Crews at Wilmar's Burdekin Centralised Workshop are currently fabricating two new evaporators for Kalamia Mill.

Costed at around \$6 million each, the two vessels are among four replacement evaporators being installed at Kalamia over a three-year period.

The first evaporator was fabricated last year and installed ahead of this year's crush, the two vessels currently under construction will be installed ahead of the 2023 crush, and the fourth new vessel will be installed ahead of the 2024 season.

The total program of works is worth \$25 million and is being carried out in-house.

Work Execution Manager Glenn Brock said the major components were being fabricated at Pioneer Mill, while sections of pipe and other structures were being manufactured at Wilmar's Kalamia, Inkerman and Plane Creek Mill workshops.

"The new evaporators will replace older vessels that have reached end of life. We're also taking this opportunity to standardise the vessels in the evaporator station in terms of design, construction and capacity," he said.

"Each of the new evaporators will have a seven metre diameter and a heating surface area of 3250sqm."

The new evaporators are part of a much larger program to replace end-of-life vessels across all of Wilmar's eight sugar mills.

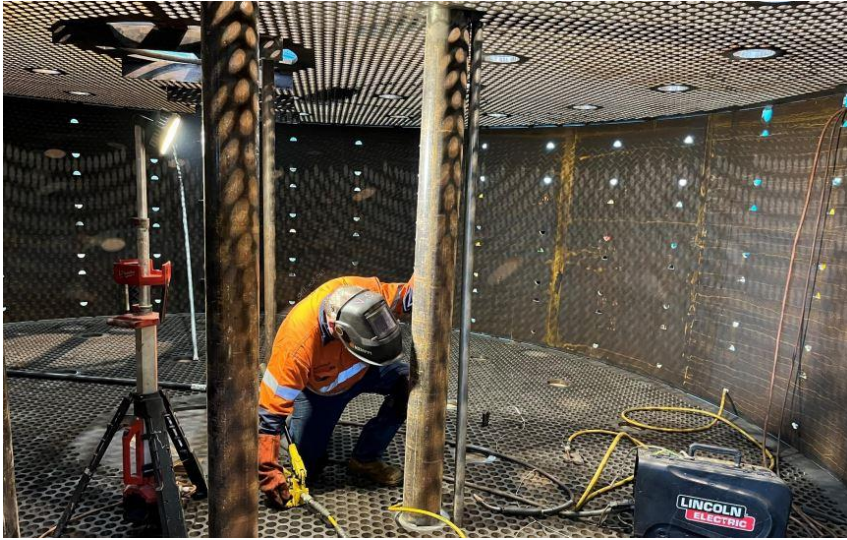
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*A Wilmar boilermaker fabricates the bottom cone for one the evaporators being manufactured at the Burdekin Centralised Workshop.*



*Project work is on track for the two evaporators being built in-house at Wilmar Sugar's workshops ahead of the 2023 season.*



*A Wilmar boilermaker welds pipes into the calandria of one of the new Kalamia evaporators.*

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