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Capital investment continues in Burdekin mills

Another significant capital and maintenance program is under way at Wilmar Sugar's four Burdekin mills ahead of the 2016 crushing season.

The top five capital projects in the Burdekin total more than \$13 million – the largest of which is a new chimney stack for Inkerman Mill.

Regional Asset Manager Sharon La Spina said Inkerman had a large program of works in progress, including an upgrade of the site's electrical infrastructure and dust collector replacements for boilers two and three.

"At Invicta Mill, there is a strong focus on pan upgrades," Mrs La Spina said.

"A new number five pan has been installed, as well as various new components for three other pans.

"While the number five pan was manufactured by external contractors, all of the other pan components were produced by our Engineering Services team in the workshops at Pioneer Mill."

As with previous years, most projects are targeted at improving factory reliability and sugar recovery.

"Projects like Inkerman's new stack and dust collectors will improve our environmental performance," Mrs La Spina said.

In addition to a comprehensive program within the factories, capital investment is also being made in the Cane Supply & Transport area.

“We have constructed a new cane siding and branch line near Clare to service increased cane production on land previously part of the Burdekin Agricultural College,” she said.

All projects are tracking to schedule, with all four mills expected to be ready for another crushing season by early June.

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