



A NEW ERA IN MILLING

Whitworth Bros. becomes first to install Bühler's Mill E3

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An aerial view of Whitworth Bros. Ltd.'s Whitley Bridge flour mill in England.

Whitworth, the largest flour miller in the United Kingdom, has made a ground-breaking investment in Bühler's Mill E3, becoming the first grain processor in the world to take up the new technology. The new installation, completed in September, is the latest move in a long-term partnership between the British company and the Swiss solutions provider.

Mike Peters, managing director of Whitworth Bros., explained to *World Grain* that Whitworth is a very proud family business.

"Whitworth Bros. Ltd. and Carr's Flour Mills Ltd. are part of the Whitworth Milling Group, which is a family-owned business," he said. "The principal shareholder is Martin George, whose son, Michael, is also on the board."

Frank George (Martin's grandfather) bought Whitworth in Wellingborough in the late 1920s and sub-

sequently bought Cadge and Coleman in Peterborough in 1936. The company has worked closely with Bühler for the last three decades.

"We were a small business," he said.

Then, in the 1990s, the family decided to invest in new technology. It started with a flour mill at the Wellingborough location, a project carried out with Bühler. It started production in 1998, in a building designed for two mills. The second Bühler mill followed in 2004.

"The business continued to grow, and in 2006 we installed a further Bühler plant across in Peterborough," Peters said. "That continued very successfully so we installed a second plant at Peterborough."

The company built another flour mill at Wellingborough in 2012.

"At that point we were continuing with our organic growth," Peters said. "Then, we acquired the assets of

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