

Synlait infant formula production capacity increases twofold

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The new kitchen will double the company's annual infant formula production capacity from the current 40,000MT to 80,000MT.

It will mix dry ingredients such as dairy proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals into the liquid milk and the mixture is then dried into infant formula base powder.

Commenting on the expansion, Synlait Milk managing director and CEO John Penno said: "We were at the point where our current Wetmix facility was at capacity, and our consumer demand was continuing to grow. Building this new Wetmix kitchen will relieve that pressure."

Synlait Milk was planning the project since December 2015 and began development work on the site in February.

"We're really happy with how the build went, it was a smooth process, which was completed on time and within budget, without the need to alter our day-to-day operations. It was really important for us to make this new facility as user-friendly as possible. We want our employees to be safe at work and to work under the best possible conditions", he added.