

ofi opens soluble coffee facility in Brazil

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ofi, a global leader in naturally good food and beverage ingredients, officially inaugurated its state-of-the-art soluble coffee facility in Linhares, Esp rito Santo, Brazil. The strategic investment strengthens ofi's position as a top 3 independent producer in the growing global soluble coffee market, projected to reach \$52.2 billion by 2031, while creating a significant economic impact in Brazil's premier coffee-growing region.

Located in the heart of Brazil's Conilon coffee region, the Linhares facility transforms coffee beans sourced from ofi's coffee units across Brazil into premium soluble products. Serving a global network of customers, the Linhares site has two complete lines of freeze-dried and spray-dried instant coffee, thereby maximising output and material efficiency.

"This inauguration represents a triple win for local communities, for our customers, and for the environment," said Vivek Verma, ofi's Managing Director & CEO, coffee. "By processing coffee at the source, we're strengthening our integrated supply chain and farmer partnerships to deliver traceable, sustainable soluble coffee products to our customers. A strengthened innovation infrastructure focusing on value-added coffee products will build growth opportunities in South and North America, while also serving consumption markets in Europe and Asia. I would like to thank the Esp rito Santo state government for establishing an enabling business environment."

Brazil is of strategic importance to ofi's portfolio, with operations across coffee, cocoa and spices having been developed over the past 24 years. The Linhares site was selected due to the abundant Conilon coffee production in the Esp rito Santo region, which provides approximately 70 per cent of Brazil's output - a potential growth driver for the global supply of robusta coffee beans. The site complements ofi's existing soluble coffee processing facilities in Spain and Vietnam.