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Olam Food Ingredients (ofi), a business unit of Singapore-headquartered Olam Group, has inaugurated a cutting-edge instant coffee manufacturing facility in Linhares, Espírito Santo, Brazil. The 570,000-square-foot plant is set to significantly boost ofi's presence in the global soluble coffee market, which is projected to reach \$52.2 billion by 2031.

Strategically located near Espírito Santo's rich supply of Conilon coffee—which accounts for approximately 70 per cent of Brazil's production—the facility will convert beans sourced from ofi's nine processing units across Brazil into premium instant coffee products. These include spray-dried, freeze-dried, and liquid coffee concentrates.

The new facility positions ofi among the world's top three independent players in the fast-growing soluble coffee segment and strengthens its role as a major Brazilian coffee exporter. It also complements ofi's existing instant coffee operations in Spain and Vietnam, expanding its global production network.

In line with ofi's "Choices for Change" sustainability strategy, the Linhares facility is powered entirely by renewable energy. Biomass boilers repurpose waste from coffee processing to generate power, supporting a closed-loop, environmentally responsible system. The site is also equipped with advanced, energy-efficient technologies, including a state-of-the-art Freeze Dryer designed to deliver high-quality soluble coffee with a reduced carbon footprint.

All coffee processed at the plant is fully traceable and certified by the Rainforest Alliance, underscoring ofi's commitment to ethical sourcing and transparency. The facility will also contribute to local economic development through job creation and value addition in one of Brazil's key coffee-growing regions.

“This inauguration represents a triple win” for local communities, for our customers, and for the environment,” said Vivek Verma, Managing Director and CEO of Coffee at ofi. “Processing coffee at origin enhances our integrated supply chain and builds stronger farmer partnerships while meeting global demand for traceable, sustainable coffee.”

Since entering the Brazilian market in 2002, ofi has established a robust coffee export operation, supplying roast, ground, and instant coffee to markets in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Japan. The Linhares facility also strengthens ofi’s innovation ecosystem, complementing its global network of 19 innovation centres focused on cocoa, dairy, nuts, spices, and coffee.