



## Press Release

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### Re: **BICO Soon in Freezers Again!**

Maintenance work involving welding resulted in a fire on August 18, 2009 which damaged BICO's engineering department, the adjacent dry goods store and the ice cream factory. However, management of the 108 year old Barbadian company has moved swiftly to ensure that the ice cream loved by Barbadians is available once again.

After the fire, BICO had about two weeks supply of ice cream available. As a result, Chief Executive Officer, Edwin Thirlwell travelled to Canada and has reported that he has confirmed arrangements with Scotsburn's Truro Plant, a Canadian ice cream manufacturer who has agreed to produce BICO ice cream to meet the immediate demands of the market.

*"We are very pleased that we have been able to confirm arrangements so quickly and we can ensure our customers that the ice cream will have the same great taste they enjoy. Our Production Manager, Desmond Williams is also in Canada to supervise the production of the first batch of BICO ice cream with the Scotburn's production team ... we are confident that the first batch and all the batches which will follow will meet BICO's standards of quality and taste".*

BICO already has a professional relationship with another Canadian firm, Stanpac in Ontario where its packaging is completed. Additionally, many of the special inclusions BICO uses also originate in Canada. Thus the production of the ice cream at Scotsburn is an extension of BICO's Canadian links.

This first shipment of BICO ice cream produced at Scotsburn is scheduled to be shipped to Barbados later this week and stores and outlets should have the product by the end of September 2009.

BICO also distributes Nestle, Unilever products and exports throughout the Caribbean to as far south of Guyana, Trinidad, Grenada, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts and as far north as Belize.

The Harbour Cold Store, a division of BICO which operates over one million cubic feet of commercial cold storage facility at the Bridgetown Barbados Port was not damaged in the recent fire and operations there have been continuing.