

Industrial Starch

There is growing demand for industrial starch in Zimbabwe, driven by the growing local industry. The rapid growth of the food processing industry and the increasing use of industrial starch as adhesives in consumer products and packaging industry has also resulted in increased demand for industrial starch. Most of the starch is being imported even though it can be manufactured using locally available raw materials such as maize and potatoes which would also support the local farmers. Wheat, maize and potato are the most common sources of industrial starch.

Industrial Starch is used in a several industrial applications. It is mainly used in the food industry in the manufacturing of various products such as bakery products, confectionaries, canned jams and fruits, commercial caramel and monosodium glutamate (MSG). Industrial starch is also used in non-food industry such as paper industry -for manufacturing and coating process, the textile industry -for cloth printing and finishing, mining, for building materials and consumer products industries. The Corporation would like to partner with willing investors to explore this opportunity and substitute the current imports, thus saving some foreign currency in the economy.

