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Fire at Millaquin Mill

Bundaberg Sugar is investigating the cause of a fire at Millaquin Mill last night. A fire fighter sustained a minor injury and no other injuries occurred.

Bundaberg Sugar general manager operations, David Pickering said the fire appears to have started with embers from the boiler furnace setting a bagasse conveyor alight.

“This is an unfortunate set of circumstances with the mill scheduled to commence crushing for the 2016 season on Monday, June 13.

“Damage to the bagasse conveyor system will prevent the crushing mill from operating. From an early assessment, the fire damage may delay the start of crushing at Millaquin for up to two weeks. However we will continue to keep people informed.”

Mr Pickering said plans are already in place to commence repairs following an inspection of the site by an insurance assessor.

“We are still going through the assessment process but at this early stage damages are estimated to be in the range of hundreds of thousands of dollars,” he said.

“Spare replacement equipment is already stored on site so this will allow us to commence work immediately on the damaged conveyor.”

Mr Pickering praised the efforts of the Queensland Fire Service and the mill’s emergency response team in getting the fire under control.

“Fortunately there was no switchboard damage and the fire didn’t extend to the bagasse silo,” he said.

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