

EFFICIENT AND GENTLY CLEANING OF MALTED BARLEY

Bratney Companies provide Cimbria cleaning systems for Proximity Malt in Laurel, Delaware, and Monte Vista, Colorado

In 2015, Bratney Companies began confidential discussions with Proximity Malt and their representatives for cleaning / sizing of raw and malted barley to meet their exacting specifications for the growing home and craft beer brewing markets in North America. We were approached by this new company based on our experience with most of the malt houses in North America and our long tradition of quality equipment and local sales support.

Proximity Malt is a start-up malt company, designed to take advantage of under-utilised barley supply chains to bring regional grains to malt users looking for quality, consistency and regional production. Proximity Malt now produces a full range of malted grains, from pale to roasted. Proximity Malt will build, maintain and sustain access to local grains for quality malt processing on a scale that provides consistency, efficiency and variety in malt sourcing for the malt user.

Proximity Malt was looking for a gentle handling system that would efficiently move and clean the malting barley for their two

regional malting facilities in Colorado and Delaware. With plants located in the heart of barley-rich agricultural production areas, Proximity Malt was looking for equipment that would efficiently and gently clean the grain while maintaining husk integrity, which is important for the malting process.

The scope for the plants consisted of:

- Cimbria Model 159 raw and load-out cleaners.
- Cimbria Model 163.15 aspirators.
- Cimbria Model TS360 de-stoning systems.

Cimbria JCC metal cleaners for screening of malt prior to bagging. In the summer of 2017, Monte Vista was brought on line, whilst Laurel is currently being commissioned. An important part of the vital craft beer supply in North America, Proximity Malt is using the cleaning systems to provide their customers with clean and consistent malt shipments.

