



Auto Control Systems was approached by the owners of a turn-key six storey grain processing facility to provide automation to allow the plant to incorporate four continuous production streams. The new processing mill was to utilise state-of-the-art PLC equipment on an entirely Ethernet backbone.

## CASE STUDY

## The Problem

The owners wanted ACS to create a bespoke automation solution to allow maximum production, whilst working within hazardous areas design requirements for the facility.

## The Solution

Auto Control Systems was responsible for the complete design, programming, installation and commissioning of the system, including the requirements for a minimum Category 3 Machine Safety system.

Our Design team and senior Engineers worked cohesively and tirelessly to produce a solution that met all requirements for this exciting new facility, allowing lateral thinking and innovative design to take precedence and deliver a dynamic and industry leading solution to this client.

The technology Auto Control Systems used included:

- Allen-Bradley Guard Logix PLC
- Citect SCADA
- Allen Bradley Point and Safe Point IO
- Allen Bradley Powerflex 525 Drives
- Allen Bradley Stratix Ethernet
- Allen Bradley E300 Electronic Overloads
- Hazardous Area Design
- TUV Certified Machine Safety

## Return on Investment

Auto Control Systems delivered this extensive project on time and to budget, resulting in a bespoke design solution that facilitated high production rates with limited probability of downtime.

### **Considerable energy savings.**

- By fully automating the four continuous production streams, the plant is able to produce an exceptionally high yield at a fast pace, with reduced energy expenditure.
- Utilising the Ethernet backbone allows the plant to be operated by fewer staff members, reducing overheads and increasing profits.

### **Flexibility and adaptability**

- Ability for the processing plant to experience significant growth using the existing systems and inclusion of devices that allow new applications to be installed.
- Ongoing access to our team of experienced engineers who remain available to troubleshoot improvement initiatives and growth potential.