

**Fruit processing co. Tricom plans to expand domestic footprint with purees**

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Maharashtra-based Tricom Fruit Products India Limited, a company engaged in multi-fruit processing, has announced its expansion plans after completing one year of operations.

The company, within first year of commencing its fruit processing operations, has won an image in the international markets, according to a press note released by the company on Wednesday.

After having established itself in the export market in the first year of operations, the company is now planning to gain its foothold in the domestic market. New product development in terms of processing of new fruits and vegetable purees would also be a key priority, the note added.

The company intends to double its processing capacity from current 10 tonnes per hour to 20 tonnes per hour for mango and pomegranate and from 5 tonnes per hour to 10 tonnes per hour for guava, papaya, tomato and gooseberry (amla). After successfully completing trial runs for clear mango juice, the company plans to explore opportunities of clear juice for banana and guava as well.

The company is focussing on enhancing efficiency of existing processing lines by adopting energy-efficient designs and better process controls.

Commenting on the expansion plans, Chetan Kothari, chairman, Tricom Fruit Products India Limited said, "Our first year has been very encouraging and motivating us to further perform and give our best for the next year to come. The result just gives us further optimism to attain our goals."