

CBI ESTABLISHED

CBI is created to provide critical links between U.S. government-sponsored economic development programs and commercial markets.

1984

1985

CBI Indonesia established & pioneers technical processes for vanilla processing. Introduced cooperative form of business to Indonesia.

CBI hires a new management team to focus on international trade & market development. Begins procurement, processing, and marketing coffee from Sulawesi.

1997

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Headquarters moved to Columbus, OH USA. Initiated procurement, processing and marketing of black pepper and coffee from Sumatra. Introduced procurement, processing and marketing of spices.

Trade office established in Nicaragua to create strategic partnerships. Became a prominent exporter of specialty and high-grade coffees

2001

Launched procurement, processing and marketing of Indonesian cloves.

2002

Trading company founded to assume marketing of coffees and spices.

2004

Formed GMI to market coffee from East Timor for CCT cooperative. Began direct procurement, processing and marketing of cinnamon.

CBI Coffee Nicaragua expanded sourcing to additional Central American countries. Nutmeg and mace added to our product line.

2009

2008

CBI Coffee Nicaragua acquired coffee mill in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

2006

2005

Select Products & Flavors established. Purchased pepper facility in Southern Sumatra. CBI partnered with NCBA and US Government to support recovery of Aceh region after the 2004 tsunami.

2011

Select Products relocated to a larger facility and expands services. CBI formed a strategic partnership to explore & market Tanzanian products.

Partnered with Starbucks to establish Agronomy Farmer Support Center in Northern Sumatra.

Created strategic alliance in South Africa to explore product diversification. Select Products expanded organic spice storage and handling capacity by 30%.

2012

CBI Coffee Nicaragua disbanded due to changing geopolitical climate that made foreign investment in Nicaragua untenable.

2014

Recognized for meeting CAFÉ Practices standards. Completed spice warehouse expansion, addition of micro quality lab and on-site value add services.

2015

2016

Table Mountain Dehy established in South Africa. Continued phased expansion of Sumatran coffee operation. Enhanced value-added services at spice facility.

2018