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The Sinokrot Food Company, based in Ramallah, manufactures more than 9,000 kinds of confectionaries including cookies, biscuits, nougats, and chocolates. These products are distributed throughout Israel and the Palestinian territories, and are exported to Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and other Arab countries. Sinokrot employees take pride in their role in the MfP Program, as well as their greater role in alleviating malnutrition, quite seriously.

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