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THYSSENKRUPP MATERIALS HANDLING

SPANNING 3 DECADES AS SUPPLIER OF CHOICE AT KUMBA IRON ORE MINE, SISHEN

ThyssenKrupp Materials Handling (TKMH), a division of ThyssenKrupp PDNA Engineering (Pty) Ltd, was selected as partner of choice when, in 1973, construction on the Sishen-Saldanha Bay iron ore export project commenced and, 35 years on, TKMH remains a preferred supplier of turnkey bulk materials handling solutions.

TKMH was called upon in 2009 to supply three drum reclaimers each with a 3400 t/hr capacity and 40m rail centre as well as two stackers to the Kumba iron ore mine. According to TKMH Marketing Manager, Willie Agenbag, hot commissioning of the reclaimers was finalised in February 2010, four months ahead of schedule.

A more recent order received from the mine in 2010 specified yet another TAS40 drum reclaimer as well as a larger stacker. Agenbag explains: "The area needed widening to accommodate a larger stockpile and the TAS40, which will replace two smaller TKMH 27.5m rail width drum reclaimers and larger stacker will address the necessary expansion requirements". Agenbag adds: "Once we have honoured this order, a total of eight drum reclaimers would have been supplied to the Sishen mine over the years". Other TKMH equipment currently operating on the mine includes transfer cars as well as conveyors. The full scope of TKMH's turnkey materials handling solutions to the mine includes local design and manufacture, to supply, installation, commissioning and hand over of equipment as well as all related civil works.

Agenbag discusses the history behind this successful long-term relationship. "When construction on the Sishen-Saldanha Bay iron ore export project commenced in the Northern Cape in 1973, TKMH, then known as Weserhuette, was commissioned to design, manufacture and install the bedding/blending plant at the Sishen Iron Ore mine. Situated at the discharge end of the Sishen Iron Ore beneficiation installation, this plant, which was designed by TKMH Weserhütte in Germany, performs the dual functions of blending and storing iron ore before being loaded into railway trucks. The bedding/blending plant has a storage capacity of 450 000 tons of coarse ore and 260 000 tons of fine ore and includes two slewing stackers and two drum reclaimers (one each for fine and coarse ore), a transfer car as well as a conveyor belt system. The manufacture of stackers and re-claimers was undertaken by engineering workshops in Gauteng and Cape Town".

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“This was the beginning of the business relationship between TKMH and the mine which has stood the test of time”, continues Agenbag. “When Kumba Resources was unbundled and the Sishen Iron Ore Mine transferred to the newly formed Kumba Iron Ore, our world class equipment, backed by unsurpassed service excellence, ensured that we remained one of the mine’s choice suppliers, and”, adds Agenbag, “When the expansion project commenced thirty five years later, the mine yet again called on us to supply bulk materials handling equipment”.

“In 2009 we celebrated our 50th anniversary in South Africa and, as one of the largest and most experienced bulk materials handling companies, and a centre of excellence, we offer quality end-to-end solutions. We always endeavour to build and sustain long-term relationships with all our clients and the latest orders prove the value of long term relationships and further augment our 35 year relationship with the mine. We are proud to again be supplier of choice for turnkey materials handling solutions at Kumba’s Iron Ore Mine at Sishen,” concludes Agenbag.

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About ThyssenKrupp Materials Handling

The ThyssenKrupp Group was established in South Africa in 1896 and ThyssenKrupp Materials Handling, a division of ThyssenKrupp Engineering (Pty) Ltd, has been represented locally since 1959. The company is a leading supplier of mining and materials handling plant and equipment to South and Southern African industries and mines, and combines the internationally acclaimed technology and know-how of the global group with local customer and market knowledge to offer customers a comprehensive and tailored service package second to none.

World class quality components and equipment are combined with local engineering expertise, backed by high quality technical centres of excellence in Germany, the USA, Canada, Australia as well as in South Africa, to ensure optimum, reliable performance of equipment and systems.

About ThyssenKrupp PDNA Engineering (Pty) Ltd

ThyssenKrupp PDNA Engineering (Pty) Ltd is a new black economic-empowered (BEE) project house established on 1st April 2010, following a merger between ThyssenKrupp Materials Handling, ThyssenKrupp Uhde and PDNA Industrial Projects. The new technology, engineering and project management company, which is owned by ThyssenKrupp South Africa (74.9%) and PDNA (25.1%), will target large-scale Southern African projects in the oil and gas, chemicals, industrial, mining and metals and infrastructure market sectors.