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THYSSENKRUPP MATERIALS HANDLING - TURNKEY COAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW COAL STOCKYARD

ThyssenKrupp Materials Handling (TKMH) secured the tender to supply coal handling equipment to feed the new 4 800 MW Medupi Power Station built by Eskom Holdings Ltd. in Lephalale, Limpopo province.

The tender calls for the supply of two off luffing slewing stackers and two off bi-directional drum reclaimers, each with a 43.5m rail width, to handle the coal stockpiles with respective handling capacities of 4000 tonnes /hr and 3 400 tonnes /hr.

According to TKMH Marketing Manager, Willie Agenbag, these two drum reclaimers will be the largest to be manufactured and supplied by TKMH in South Africa. He adds that older generation TAS 43.5m rail large drum reclaimers have been operating successfully at a coal plant in Kazakhstan for many years.

TKMH will supply all relevant stockyard conveyors and transfer houses, hoppers and feeders and will also be responsible for associated civil works. Willie points out that all the equipment will be locally designed by TKMH and manufacture will also be done locally.

“The coal stockyard demands a turnkey offering,” explains Willie “and we are responsible for an end-to-end service including design, supply, commissioning and hand over”.

“We enjoy a successful and longstanding relationship with Eskom, having delivered the first piece of equipment, an ash spreading system, to Eskom’s Tutuka power station in 1984. It is a privilege to once again be called upon to supply this essential part of the new Medupi Power Station.

The project will be completed in various stages, commencing mid 2011 to end 2012.

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