

Best Screening Practice

Kwatani, previously known as Joest Kwatani, and Derrick Corporation have partnered to drive best screening practice in the African mining sector.

This important development sees Kwatani represent Derrick Corporation's range of engineered fine screening solutions in selected mining regions in Africa. The original equipment manufacturer (OEM) will share this responsibility with Derrick Solutions International (DSI) Africa, which has represented Derrick Equipment Company since 2014.

"Kwatani now has access to machines for coarse and fine screening and for arduous applications through to technologies with patented polyurethane panels for screening at 45 microns and finer particle sizes," says Nic Barkhuysen, vice president: Africa of DSI.

Nic says this is a significant competitive edge for Kwatani considering the slump in commodity prices and the need for OEMs to have a wide variety of solutions for all minerals and base metals. There is no other screening company that is capable of such a comprehensive offering for the African mining industry.

Kim Schoepflin, managing director of Kwatani, says that this is one of the many synergies between the two companies that led to the start of informal

discussions between Kwatani, Derrick Corporation and DSI Africa at EMA 2014.

"Kwatani is well known for its high level of ongoing product development that ensures customers access to new generation technology aimed at achieving the

lowest cost per ton. Derrick Corporation has a similar R&D philosophy which has seen the introduction of latest technologies to the African mining industry," Kim concludes.

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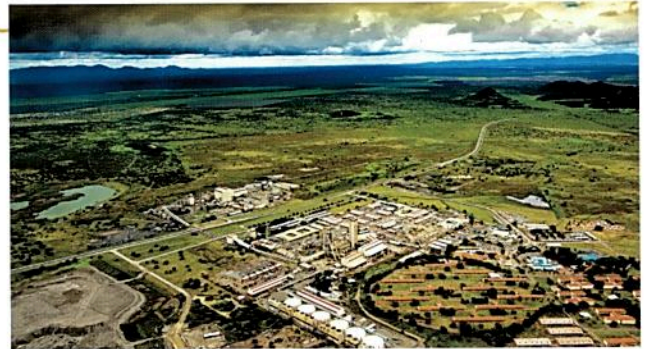


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Difficult Terrain

The South African mining company Booyensdal Platinum, a subsidiary of Northam Platinum, is accessing the Booyensdal South ore deposit as part of its expansion of the mining capacities at the Booyensdal concession. The mined ore is to be taken to an existing processing plant. In September 2016, Doppelmayr Transport Technology GmbH, manufacturer of ropeways, was awarded the contract to build a RopeCon system to transport the mined ore to the processing plant.

In view of the difficult topographical situation the belt conveyor, which runs on ropes, proved to be the ideal solution to transport 500 000 tons of material per month safely and easily over a distance of approximately 4.9km and a difference in elevation of 530m. The conveyor is due to be in operation by the end of 2018.



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