

## Kwatani's final transition

Kwatani, previously known as Joest Kwatani, has made the final transition to position itself as a company with a proud African history. Kim Schoepflin, managing director of Kwatani, says this has been a natural progression and better reflects the company's operating philosophy, its African heritage and overall commitment to transformation in South Africa.

KWA TANI means engineered for tonnage in African Swahili, and underpins the company's commitment to producing quality vibrating equipment for the continent's mining industry. The ability to respond rapidly to market demands has always been one of Kwatani's strengths, and it is this reputation of supplying robust vibrating equipment, capable of withstanding the tough African mining conditions, that has seen the South African-based original equipment manufacturer (OEM) grow from strength to strength.

The company began in 1976 as a small operation called JOEST that used to import motors from Germany and assemble small vibrating equipment. Purchased in 1989 by Gunter Vogel, the company eventually successfully integrated home grown South African technology into the original German designs.

Schoepflin, who is also the daughter of founder Gunter Vogel, says the incorporation of new generation proven South African technology was essential. "This strategy allows the company to produce robust heavy duty equipment that offers end-users the required throughputs, as well as the efficiencies and longevity needed for such capital equipment," she says.

Schoepflin says celebrating 40 years of successful operation on the African continent is no mean feat, and she is quick to point out that Kwatani's custom engineered vibrating equipment can be found across all commodities through the mining sector in Africa.

This extensive experience as an OEM on the continent has allowed Kwatani to maintain close relationships with its customers. As a result, ongoing product improvement is a given with the company's skilled engineers integrating design improvements in its equipment. "Our experienced in-house design and technology teams are able to accurately interpret customer requirements and translate this information into solutions that are engineered for optimum throughput tonnages, and most importantly, this is achieved without sacrificing reliability or quality," she says. ☼

**Weir commissions Zambian plant**  
Weir Minerals Africa is commissioning a 300 tph sand and aggregate production plant in Zambia. The project was undertaken from Weir Minerals Africa's branch in Kitwe which supports the many mines operating in the country's Copperbelt. Specialist product support staff for Trio machines are strategically based at the company's Akitas branch to service the area. Increased demand for cobalt is further driving growth opportunities.

### Terex launches new LC450

Terex Minerals Processing Systems has launched the new LC450 tracked cone crusher which incorporates the Cedarapids MVP450X all roller bearing cone crusher. The LC450 incorporates an automated metal detection system, located on the heavy duty feed conveyor, which stops the conveyor before the metal contaminant reaches the crusher. The plant also has the patented metal purge system that is said to dramatically reduce downtime when removing the metal contaminant from the feed conveyor. The MVP450X cone crusher is driven via V-belts by the Caterpillar C18 Twin Turbo engine. ☼

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