



Endress+Hauser SA: celebrating 25 years of technical and people innovation

Anniversaries are meant to be celebrated for various reasons - as is the case with Endress+Hauser South Africa. Over the past 25 years, the 'people for process automation' has developed from a niche provider of level instruments sold via an agency, to a R250 M Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) company that sets the standard for process automation in South Africa.

Current managing director, Rob MacKenzie, credits Endress+Hauser South Africa's continued success to the company culture which reflects Endress+Hauser's mission statement, namely to 'strive to sustainably generate outstanding value for our customers'. This mission finds practical expression in the 'we do not sell products but solutions' approach with which each new assignment is handled. "In today's more difficult economic times this approach to add value to our customer processes has meant sustainable business also for Endress+Hauser," says MacKenzie.

Endress+Hauser employees have access to a wide range of career-enhancing opportunities. They can attend regular training courses to stay on top of the latest developments in the field, further their formal studies, or even get the opportunity to work for an overseas division of Endress+Hauser. As a result, the company has an impressive staff retention. * Photographs provided.



Werner Steffen (who celebrated 25 years at Endress+Hauser) and Rob Mackenzie cutting the cake.



Rob MacKenzie, Rudy Rudolph and Hennie Blignaut.



Endress+Hauser – celebrating 25 years in South Africa.



SAEEC 2009

The Southern African Association for Energy Efficiency (SAEE) held its fourth two-day Convention and Exhibition at Emperors Palace, in Johannesburg from the 12 - 13 November 2009. The exhibition was abuzz with energy ... in more ways than one! We chatted to some exhibitors.



René Coetzer, Professor LJ Grobler, Charl Marais, Gustav Radloff (Energy Cybernetics).



Basil and Tasso Tsoukalas (Eltina).



Yuval Cannon (SATEC Israel), Dave Bekink and Ashvir Harcharan (National Power Contractors).



Marize Bekink and Tebogo Morapedi (National Power Contractors).



Wayne Holton and Mike Cooper (BMG).



Sue Moseley (SAIEE).



Dave Mercer, Helena Henning (WSP Energy Africa).



Gilbert Muller, Graham Greene, Nico van der Merwe, Shem Chelliah, Nelen Govender (Schneider-Electric).



Abram Sello Chewe, Glendah Skosana (City Power).



Automation and Power World 2009 *Held for the first time in Africa – in November 2009*

Automation and power technologies coupled with global skills transfer will be required for advanced electricity infrastructure growth. These two issues were highlighted as key to solving the current energy crisis in South Africa. Solutions to optimise the use of energy throughout the electrical value chain and new technologies for building a smart grid were among insights customers gained from Automation and Power World 2009, held for the first time in Africa last week. The leading technology event presented by ABB in South Africa, exceeded event attendance expectations and attracted over 1 300 attendees from across the continent.

“Emerging markets, and Africa is no exception, have a huge opportunity presented to them,” said Joe Hogan, ABB Group CEO. “We have realised that, by bringing together our resources and expertise, we are able to meet the need for energy, infrastructure and skills development in Africa.”

The two-day conference and exhibition, with speakers from several continents, highlighted the exponential increased interest in both power and automation resulting from the need to improve energy efficiency in the face of soaring energy costs. Productivity, reliability and safety were also highlighted as an integral part of the electricity industry. Participants at the conference had the opportunity to participate in interactive sessions to further their knowledge and learn more about the latest technologies in power and automation from experts around the globe.



Carlos Pone, CEO ABB South Africa, addresses delegates at the opening ceremony.



Erik Pretorius and Oomesh Maharaj (ABB South Africa).



Rajesh Pai and Johan-Petter Victorin (ABB Switzerland); Carel Oberholzer and Asande Kaaba (ABB South Africa).



Simon Dlamini and Siphalele Mlotshwa.



Nilesh Pagare and Subhash Thorat (ABB India).

HellermannTyton Mindbender

Winner - November 2009

Lock Macfarlane (ThyssenKrupp Materials Handling).

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Jako Fourie (Iyanda Power Technologies).

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