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FURTHER ORDER FOR BITCON LEAD-LINED DOORS FOR CHRIS HANI BARAGWANATH HOSPITAL

Bitcon Industries' specialised lead-lined doors have been ordered for installation at one of the world's largest hospitals, the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

Bob Vollmer, director of Bitcon in Jet Park, says the contract to supply 22 lead-lined doors follows Bitcon's initial supply of 58 similar doors to the Basil Read Joint Venture, main contractors for the multi-million rand project.

Bitcon lead-lined doors protect personnel from X-rays in environments where X-ray equipment is used by reducing the level of exposure to an internationally-acceptable level.

The doors feature a laminated core with a lead sheet lining sufficiently thick to cope with varying degrees of radiation. The doors can be clad in a variety of finishes, including masonite, timber veneer, or steel sheeting.

The frames are manufactured from 1,6mm mild steel or galvanised sheeting in a rebated profile to suit relevant wall thicknesses. The internal rebate of the frame is lined with lead of a thickness compatible with the lining in the door. The doors are also widely used in the metalworking industry for radiation protection during welding X-ray tests.

Bitcon lead-lined doors have been installed at hospitals throughout southern Africa, including the Johannesburg General Hospital's Oncology Centre, Eugene Marais Hospital, Zuid-Afrikaanse Hospitaal, and the Wilgers Hospital in Pretoria, the Zwartuggens and Pelglarae hospitals in the NW Province, and several major hospitals in Botswana.

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CAPTION: A new order for additional Bitcon lead-lined doors (pictured) has been placed for the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

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