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THE STRUCTA GROUP EXPANDS ITS HORIZONS BY ACQUIRING ERD FABRICATORS

Gauteng based Structural Steel Manufacturers Structa Group recently acquired Sasolburg based ERD Fabricators and ERD Fabricators will now trade as ERD Fab Pty Ltd.

ERD was formed as a result of Sasol outsourcing its centralized services in 2001, and this brought about the amalgamation of Sasol's Mechanical Centres Boiler Shop and Sasol Fabricators creating a company with considerable core competencies and growth potential. ERD, based in Sasolburg, is an IRCA 5 star rated Light to Medium scale Engineering Service Specialist for Petrochemical, Power Generation, Mining and Chemical Industries. The company specializes in the fabrication, refurbishment and repair of Pressure Vessels, Heat Exchangers, Economisers, Boilers, Finned Tubes, Tanks, Silos, Pressurised Systems, Ducting and general structural steel work, for the power generation, mining, chemical and petrochemical industries. ERD also manufactures Thermo-panels, Erosion protection shields, Spiral Finned tubes, Types G and I, as well as H finned Tubes used in the manufacturing of Economisers and Boilers. In addition, ERD has a mechanical maintenance services division and an in-house non destructive testing division, both of which are equipped to provide an extensive range of services.

ERD also renders an on-site boiler-making and welding maintenance service in accordance with a unit rate contract to Sasol Chemical Industries, Sasol Polymers, Natref and Sasol technology. The ERD head office and workshop is situated in Sasolburg's Naledi Industrial Park.

The Chairman of the Structa Group, Mr Piet Coetzer says : "We acquired ERD as part of our growth strategy .The company fits into our vision of becoming a leading supplier of structural steel products and related services to the infrastructure , petrochemical , industrial and mining sectors in Southern Africa. Our group now provides ERD support in terms of engineering, design and project management to provide effective service delivery of the highest possible industry standards. "

Mr Lourens Booysen, Financial Director Structa Group also says: "We have restructured ERD to be able to deliver a cost effective, yet quality service and with the synergies available in the Structa Group we look forward to the contribution from ERD to our growth." Under its new management that also includes members of the former ERD management team under the leadership of Mr Rakesh Mohan who is the Managing Director of ERD , the ERD facilities are now also in the process of expanding its current workshop space of 4500m² by adding another second workshop of 1350 m². ERD will also be working closely with Turnmill Proquip Engineering of the Structa Group, a similarly ranked fabrication and refurbishment firm.

The Structa Group of companies are suppliers of structural steel products and related services for infrastructure (electrification and telecommunications), petrochemical plants, industrial plants and mines in Southern Africa. The Structa Group employs 700

permanent staff, has a combined plant size of 22,000m² under roof and crane and the steel throughput is 1,500-2,000 tons/month. The Group was formed in 2002, and its product expertise found international application in the UK, USA, Hong Kong, DRC and Namibia to name but a few.

The Structa Group of companies have certified quality control systems and adhere to international certifications such as ISO: 9001 qualifications.

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