

Barnes Group Buys Steel Pipe Manufacturer

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South African steel pipe maker Hall Longmore was recently sold to **the** privately owned Barnes Group following a successful conclusion to negotiations with seller Murray & Roberts and final approval by the Competition Commission.

Says Kenny van Rooyen, newly appointed managing director of Hall Longmore: "Hall Longmore is a world class facility. We are delighted with the acquisition, it's in good health and has an enviable order book given current market conditions. It features up-to-date pipe mills and corrosion protection coating and lining applications. The company's pedigree is further endorsed by the American Petroleum Institute (API), ISO 9001:2008, BS OHSAS 18001:2007 and ISO 14001 certification."

According to van Rooyen, Hall Longmore is amongst a handful of leading international steel pipe manufacturers capable of producing Electric Resistance Welded (ERW) pipe up to 610 mm diameter and to the American Petroleum Institute (API) 5L standard. Hall Longmore manufactured and supplied 720 kilometres of ERW pipe for the Durban to Johannesburg Transnet multi product pipeline to this standard.

The company is currently manufacturing and processing pipe for a number of water projects: Rand Water, Amatola Water, Umkhayakude District Municipality, Bloem Water and Medupi Power Station. The most recent contract awarded is for the Pilansberg Water Scheme. The project comprises approximately 43 km's of 950 mm diameter pipe for Pilansberg North and 43 km's of 1016 mm diameter pipe for Pilansberg South. The specification calls for spirally welded steel pipe coated with Sintakote® a fusion bonded medium density polyethylene and lined with a cement mortar lining.

Van Rooyen commented further on the Hall Longmore facilities located in Wadeville and Duncanville: "The company is committed to sustain the established upgrade and capacity building programme. This discipline has entrenched its position as the largest specialist manufacturer of large bore welded steel pipes, coatings and linings in sub-Saharan Africa.

As a result, Hall Longmore has enjoyed continued success with supplying pipe products to a number of large international and Southern African projects for the transportation of water, gas and petro-chemicals. To this end, Hall Longmore is committed to being a strategic partner in the growth of the South African economy.

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