



Press Release

Cat Certified Hose Assessment

OEM compliant for mining, construction and general industry

Barloworld Equipment has introduced an advanced Master Class hydraulic hose assembly training programme, which is being rolled out across all its operating centres in southern Africa, ensuring that the highest levels of competency are maintained in accordance with industry safety, health and environmental legislation.

Barloworld Equipment group product specialist, Paul Verwey, says that the training is in accordance with the MERSETA (Manufacturing Engineering and Related Services SETA) unit standards for hydraulic hose assembly, with qualifying candidates receiving SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority) certification.

“OEM specification training is provided by a Caterpillar instructor, with final competency determined by a Barloworld Equipment accredited assessor,” he explains. (Barloworld Equipment is the Cat dealer for southern Africa.)

The week long training course places equal emphasis on theory and practice to ensure a comprehensive understanding of hydraulic system functionality and correct hose assembly techniques. This is then followed by a competency trade test.

This training initiative forms part of an ongoing expansion in Barloworld Equipment’s hydraulic after-sales customer support strategy. In the past 12 months, for example, the company has invested in new state-of-the-art Cat hydraulic hoses presses, with 39 currently installed across its service centre network. These hose presses cater for both reusable and No-Skive couplings for all Cat machine classes.

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The first eight Barloworld Equipment (BWE) hose assemblers to complete the Master Class training programme, seen here with their Caterpillar trainer and BWE accredited assessor.

From left to right (staggered) are Wes Everett, Caterpillar instructor (Peoria, USA); Mischack Tjabadi (BWE Polokwane); Anesh Devduth (BWE Durban); Robert Ratshipanga (BWE Middelburg); Neto Eloy (BWE Angola, Luanda); Desmond Kitchin

(BWE Kathu); Vusi Mkhwanazi (BWE Richards Bay); Hans Madisha (BWE Isando); Ryno Jacobsz (BWE Namibia, Windhoek); and Paul Verwey (BWE group product specialist and accredited assessor).

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