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Chicago Pneumatic's high-pressure compressors make their debut in South Africa

South Africa has received its first delivery of two CPS 950-10 portable compressors from Chicago Pneumatic as the company expands its growth strategy in the country. The two high-pressure diesel compressors will be put straight into action for abrasive blasting applications in the Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the North West provinces

The order, placed by Retrofit Compressed Air Services, has been welcomed by international construction equipment manufacturer Chicago Pneumatic as an indication of growing demand for its high-pressure compressor range, in both the construction and mining industries. Retrofit, based in Boksburg and with 25 years of experience as compressed air equipment distributor, is supplying the two CPS 950-10 units to rental company Thembeke Air, which has premises in Vanderbijlpark and Rustenburg.

The compressors provide a powerful compressed air flow of up to 950 cfm (27 cubic metres per minute) at a working pressure of up to 10 bar. This level of performance makes the compressors suitable for a range of abrasive blasting and drilling applications, including ground engineering and foundation drilling on construction sites, and blast hole drilling in mining areas.

Wayne Herholdt, managing director of Thembeke Air, said: *"These high-pressure portable compressors will have a variety of applications but the most common will be abrasive blasting. I have mentioned the arrival of these units to some of our customers and they're very excited. The fact that the units deliver working pressure of up to 10 bar opens a lot of possibilities for both Thembeke Air and our customers."*

Robert Labuschagne, owner of Retrofit Compressed Air Services, said he was pleased to add the CPS 950-10 compressors to a list of 14 portable compressors ordered from Chicago Pneumatic in 2014, including CPS 130, CPS 185, CPS 275 and CPS 375.

"I'm very proud to have placed the first order in South Africa for the CPS 950-10 portable compressor and I am certain that it won't be the last," said Mr Labuschagne. "These units will very quickly prove themselves among users and I'm sure that further orders will follow."

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