Atlas Copco Press Release from Atlas Copco Construction Technique

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Atlas Copco QAS 500 Generator sets the benchmark for reliable delivery of standby power

"Atlas Plant Hire has been supporting Atlas Copco South Africa for the past 20 years by providing our customers with a quality service that surpasses their expectations," says David Stanford, Atlas Copco Construction Technique's Business Line Manager for Portable Energy.

In December 2014, APH placed an order with Atlas Copco Construction Technique, a business area within the giant Atlas Copco Group, for two off QAS 500 Kva Prime 400 Volts 50 Hertz diesel-driven generators to provide critical standby power for various mining applications. Atlas Copco's QAS on-site generators are intelligent 'multi-taskers' that efficiently deliver power to operate a wide range of electrical equipment in a variety of applications. Their rugged design ensures optimum reliability even in the most adverse environmental conditions for maximum uptime. These economical units offer a low total cost of operation and ownership and a high resale value.

"With almost 20 years' experience in the compressed air and generator game, we have seen a discernible increase in demand from customers for energy saving solutions which has been amplified by the recent energy crisis that is tightening its grips on South Africa," states Atlas Plant Hire's Operations Director, Rowan Hart. "As the focus swifts to alternative solutions, we are ideally positioned to supply Atlas Copco generators with confidence because of Atlas Copco's reliability, superior quality supported by constantly improving service."

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Stanford explains that because APH has been dealing with Atlas Copco for so many years, no operator training was necessary on the QAS generator. "We offer continual support, guidance and training with excellent back up to APH," continues Stanford adding that "Atlas Copco is always hands on; once the installation is done, an Atlas Copco specialist will go to site to inspect that everything was done correctly for warranty purposes and to ensure that the client is satisfied."

Atlas Plant Hire (Pty) Ltd (APH), which is proudly 100% South African, evolved from Atlas Air Power which was founded in Port Elizabeth in 1987 as the sole agent of Atlas Copco to serve the motor industry in the Eastern Cape region, soon expanding into the construction, mining, quarry and other industrial sectors nationally.

APH is growing and expanding with fleet and location development playing a major part of their strategic roll out for the future. Market demand led to APH opening a branch in Midrand in 1999 which was soon followed by branches in Rustenburg and Lephalale as well as a number of satellite branches around the country. Today the company boasts over 500 items of plant which includes compressors, generators and compaction equipment. APH remains one of the fastest growing names in the plant hire industry.

APH is constantly improving their high quality standards by investing in only the best top quality equipment from Atlas Copco to be able to continuously provide customers with the best there is.

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Atlas Copco is a world-leading provider of sustainable productivity solutions. The Group serves customers with innovative compressors, vacuum solutions and air treatment systems, construction and mining equipment, power tools and assembly systems. Atlas Copco develops products and service focused on productivity, energy efficiency, safety and ergonomics. The company was founded in 1873, is based in Stockholm, Sweden, and has a global reach spanning more than 180 countries. In 2014, Atlas Copco had revenues of BSEK 94 (BEUR 10.3) and more than 44 000 employees. Learn more at www.atlascopco.co.za.



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Atlas Copco's Construction Technique business area provides construction and demolition tools, portable compressors, pumps and generators, lighting towers, and compaction and paving equipment. It offers service through a global network. Construction Technique innovates for sustainable productivity in infrastructure, civil works, oil and gas, energy, drilling and road construction projects. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in Belgium, Germany, Sweden, the United States, China, India and Brazil.