

## **BBE Group launches new automation division**

The BBE Group, specialists in mine ventilation, refrigeration and energy optimisation engineering, have established a new automation division to extend its services. BBE Automation primarily supports the Group's consulting services and turnkey projects, but also provides automation and electrical services to mining and process plants in all commodities.

Launched in November 2016, BBE Automation comprises a team of experts skilled in medium and low voltage electrical systems, field instrumentation and equipment automation in mine ventilation, refrigeration and energy engineering. Other markets include mining process plants, water and waste water systems and the manufacturing industry.

"Automation has always been part of the BBE competency, particularly under our Projects umbrella. BBE Automation division was a natural extension of our business and part of a growth strategy to develop an electrical and automation division, giving us focused expertise and greater capacity," says Deon Nolan, Business Development Manager for the BBE Group. "Energy savings, smart control systems, cost-effective solutions that are the best available in the market, and automating plants in the Big Data and IoT (Internet of Things) era we live in are key services to our customers," says Nolan.

"The new division is a good fit with what we already offer in mine ventilation and refrigeration. Clients can expect the same excellent service from BBE but also extended to new areas of their mines or plants," adds Christo Visagie, GM of the new division.

BBE Automation is able to undertake a full range of projects from greenfield sites to plant extensions and upgrades. Project detail levels vary from concept through all design stages to implementation and commissioning. Post implementation services include on-going support and training. As a business unit of the BBE Group, BBE Automation is able to offer the optimal solution using the best combination of available equipment, tailor-made to each client's specific requirements. The division is a registered Systems Integrator for the majority of the internationally recognised control systems, and the team is fully up to date with the ever-changing technologies and programming protocols.

The BBE Group is a professional team of specialist engineers who are leaders in mine ventilation, refrigeration and cooling, measurement and control of underground pollutants, energy optimisation and ventilation network simulation software. BBE has built an excellent international reputation since its inception in 1989 through dedicated and professional specialist engineers.

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