





RS Components offers 800 new Bahco tools for thousands of applications

New tools offer specific tailored capabilities for multiple different and demanding industries

Johannesburg, South Africa, 23 March, 2017 - RS Components (RS), the trading brand of Electrocomponents plc (LSE:ECM), the global distributor for engineers, has added over 800 products to its Bahco tool range.

Targeted at engineers and maintenance personnel in the oil and gas, utilities, food and beverage, aerospace and transportation industries, the newly introduced tools cover a variety of applications, including working at height, use in explosive atmospheres and general-purpose work.

The tools for use at height, comprised of over 200 products including screwdrivers, spanners, sockets and pliers, incorporate product specific solutions that enable them to be connected to lanyards and tool belts to prevent any risk to personnel or equipment below if they are inadvertently dropped. The tools are designed for use in tasks involving scaffolding, ladders or any other place that involves working at height, where falling tools can cause accidents or damage with consequences that affect both health and productivity. RS also has available other Bahco tools-at-height products, including elastic and retractable tool lanyards, hang bags, backpacks, pouches and belts.

The non-sparking tool range comprises more than 400 tools including hammers, combination, adjustable and slogging spanners, made from various specialist alloys such as brass, bronze, copper-aluminium alloys (aluminium bronze), or copper-beryllium alloys (beryllium bronze), which are specifically designed to reduce the risk of sparks when used in hazardous or potentially explosive environments. As well as in oil and gas, aerospace, and automotive applications, these tools will also be used

in places where a high concentration of combustible particles, such as powders or other flammable media, are present, such as in flour mills and the beverage industry.

The air tools, comprising impact wrenches from Bahco's new composite range, are ideal for general use in a variety of applications, including manufacturing, maintenance workshops and automotive servicing centres. The range offers numerous models, with different capabilities (rpm, torque and strikes per minute) to suit specific application needs.

With such a broad range of tools that covers a wide variety of applications, Bahco products strengthen the existing comprehensive range of engineering and maintenance products to help address countless needs across multiple industries and disciplines: these include plant maintenance (http://smarturl.it/plant-maintenance), ATEX (http://smarturl.it/atex), utilities (http://za.rs-online.com/web/generalDisplay.html?id=/utilities) and transportation (http://smarturl.it/rs-transportation). In each of these, visitors will find a wealth of additional products and information relating to their specific needs, as well as links to the DesignSpark section of the website, which offers videos, tutorials, learned articles and discussion forums.

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About RS Components

RS Components is the market leader in the high service level distribution of electrical, electronic, mechanical, tools and industrial products. Operating in 26 countries whilst serving a further 100 through third-party distributors, RS serves every sector of industry in the procurement of their products relating to maintenance, repair, operations, low volume production, research and development.

With over 500 000 products across 2500 leading brands, the company is committed to ensuring that their 1,5 million customers have fast access to a broad, as well as deep range, of products and technologies, all under one roof.

RS's customers, whether ordering single or multiple items, experience a quick, easy, secure, painless and cost effective process. The RS catalogue, available at za.rs-online.com, offers full colour pictures with extensive clear product specifications. Free access to thousands of datasheets ensures the correct product choice. Order

placement is easily facilitated through <u>za.rs-online.com</u>, the call centre, e-mail, fax and trade counter. Locally held stock is delivered to customers within 24 hours, and products held internationally, within four to six working days.

It is proven that departments traditionally spend 80% of their time sourcing products that account for only 20% of their total procurement spend. RS is focussed on reducing the customers "total cost of product ownership" by reducing the need to make multiple calls to various companies to source products, reducing supplier related administration and allowing for the amalgamation as well as consolidation of supplier bases. Through this process, procurement efficiency is improved and time is freed up to concentrate on the more important business decisions.

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