

Head: When the going gets tough, Robor continues to find a way!

Body: Robor – New Mill / Mine Support Products / Tricom Structures / Aegion Joint Venture

Remaining at the forefront of technology and product development is paramount for any company who considers themselves amongst market leaders. At Robor, we take this aspect of our business very seriously. Over the past five years our Capital Expenditure has been extensive. The most recently approved, being the biggest Capex in the history of Robor, was for the replacement of two of our older steel mills with a new steel mill of the latest technology that was designed in conjunction with some of the leading equipment builders from around the globe.

We are very excited to announce that this fully automated, state of the art mill, which is the most advanced ø219 pipe line in the world, is capable of changing rolls in 30 minutes, with the aid of a fully automated robotic tool changing system, the first of its kind on the African continent. This world class mill has now been fully commissioned and takes pride of place at our 250 000 m² Elandsfontein site in Gauteng, South Africa.

The mill is complemented by extensive value add, project and fabrication operations with the capability to handle a full range of customer requirements in the light and medium fabrication range. Robor undertakes the estimating and turnkey supply to site (excluding installation) of complex and demanding water reticulation and structural steel projects. With multiple projects each having been managed concurrently, Robor's fully integrated supply chain ensures excellent turnaround times from estimating through procurement, manufacturing and logistics to meet project deliverables.

Robor is at the forefront of the African steel industry and having developed a fully integrated steel processing facility of world class standards we are the largest supplier of longitudinally welded steel tube and pipe in Southern Africa. Our range of value added services includes but is not limited to: Hot Dip Galvanizing for corrosion protection, Pipe and Tube cutting (2D and 3D), Punching, Drilling, Coatings and Linings, Pressure Testing, Welding (robotic, stick and submerged arc), Cutting, Wrapping, Painting, Packing, Fabrication of certain components and Ultrasonic Testing.

Acquisitions and Celebrations

The Tricom Structures business affords us the opportunity to supply into various telecommunication and power distribution systems and has augmented our pipe structures capabilities with traditional steels. In 2017 as an equal shareholder of Mine Support Products (MSP) manufacturer of the tube Rocprop product range for underground mine roof support, we purchased the 50% balance of shares from DCD Dorbyl to become the sole owner of MSP. 2017 has also seen Robor enter into a joint venture with Aegion – United Pipeline Systems, a multinational American company that provide pipeline solutions.

Through the various business acquisitions, we have grown from a commodity steel and pipe company by expanding our offering and our teams continue working hard to deliver on our vision of a solutions driven company, to enable more focused engineering, faster market penetration and an outstanding customer experience.

Robor continues to "Find a Way!" **VISIT US AT TUBE DUSSELDORF 2018 – AT THE SA PAVILION**

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