

A simple solution to a multi-billion rand crisis

CABLE theft is fast becoming a national crisis in South Africa. Estimates put the loss between R5 and R7-billion a year, with serious implications for the country's economy, reliability of electricity supply and security.

Cable thefts can cause power outages that could last for days, with copper cable thefts constituting more than 90% of all these thefts. The cost of replacing the metal has a significant disruptive effect on industry and contributes to increased tariffs and prices for ordinary South Africans. Furthermore, the replacement of stolen cables has to take preference over essential maintenance.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa sales representative Matthew Campbell explains that the security of any traditional cable installation can be

increased by applying an Ultra-Lokclamp as frequently as every 150mm of cable. "The cost of replacing the stolen cables and resultant downtime are both high, as cable theft affects production and costs. The Band-It Ultra-Lok clamp is a robust clamping solution, with a tamper proof design. It is easy to install, and can drastically decrease cable theft in the industry."

The effectiveness of the Ultra-Lok clamp was recently proved at a client site. The client operates in the petrochemical industry, where conveyer belts are located in secluded areas and are difficult to monitor. Cable theft is therefore a major challenge. The



verdict, after looking at both the Band & Buckle and Ball Lok ties, was that the Ultra-Lok open end clamp and installation tool would be the best suited to the client's projects.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa has been tasked with supplying the client with application tools and clamps, and provides training to the operators that will install the clamps.

Follow-up visits will take place to ensure that the clamps are correctly installed and to offer assistance where possible.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa is the African distributor of USA-based Band-It – a leading manufacturer of a full range of stainless steel band, buckle systems, preformed clamps and cable ties.

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