

## SUPPLY CHAIN NEWS

**BEARING MAN GROUP** supplies and supports the complete range of Master Lock safety and security solutions. These lockout and tag-out products, padlocks and signage materials have been designed to prevent accidents that could occur during servicing and repairing of equipment. Master Lock lockout and tag-out devices have been designed for a simple, yet effective method of lockout to prevent a worker from unintentionally energising equipment while maintenance is in progress. Products include electrical lockout devices for circuit breakers, plugs and switches; devices for ball, gate and butterfly valves; pneumatic lockout devices and lockout cables, lock boxes and lockout stations.

**THE TCM RANGE** of forklift trucks, available exclusively in Southern Africa from Criterion Equipment, now includes a new FB-VIII electric counterbalanced series, with advanced design features for enhanced performance. This new series is available in a wide range of robust units, each with a 500mm load centre. The smallest machine has a maximum load capacity of 1 000kg and the largest unit's maximum capacity is 3 500kg. These forklift trucks can achieve an eight and a half hour battery run time (in economy mode) on a single charge, using an efficient AC drive motor.

**HPE AFRICA**, a division of the Capital Equipment Group of Invicta Holdings Limited, offers a critical support service that encompasses an OEM parts, repair and maintenance facility. Repairs and services include minor and major component replacement, as well as

rebuilding and refurbishment of units. The company has established specialist divisions for engine repairs, hydraulics and boiler making, encompassing a bucket rebuild facility. The company now has well equipped workshops in Gauteng, Durban, Cape Town and East London, which are supported by dealers in Limpopo, Upington, Kimberly, Douglas and Lesotho.

**THE TRIDENT QM 3100** real-time, in-line fluid quality monitoring device helps industrial operations optimise oil drain and sampling intervals, improve asset health state awareness, more clearly identify contamination events, proactively detect the need for oil changes and top-ups, and verify proper lubrication system maintenance. The device is developed by Poseidon Systems and was officially introduced into the local market in early 2016 by wear control specialist Filter Focus.

The online sensing device uses electrochemical impedance spectroscopy technology to measure fluid properties and provide insight into fluid health.

**ACTUM INDUSTRIAL** offers an in-house cylinder repair service for its range of premium Waircom products. It is also able to customise cylinders for specific customer specifications and applications, as well as refurbish cylinders. Geoffrey Booyesen, pneumatics manager: Gauteng, Actum Industrial, says what distinguishes Actum Industrial in this highly-competitive sector are the value-added services it is able to offer its customers. Waircom pneumatic products have found ready acceptance in a range

of industries, from automotive to carpeting, wood, pulp and paper, packaging, plastic, petroleum, food and beverage and even medical equipment manufacturing.

### **BANDING & ID SOLUTIONS**

Africa's tough multi-lock cables provide a strong, durable cable bundling solution for exposed transformer cables that run from all the devices that measure temperature, voltage and gases. The multi-lock cable ties ensure that cables are organised, reducing the chance of communication loss from transformers. Banding & ID Solutions Africa business manager Rosa Remendos notes that the company distributes and manufactures Band-It stainless steel strapping and buckles under licence from USA-based Band-It-Index, a world leader in quality engineered band clamping and fastening solutions.

After more than a century of being recognised as a market-leading supplier of world-class industrial products and aftersales service solutions, **DOWSON & DOBSON INDUSTRIAL** looks set to achieve even greater growth, following an official takeover by the Actum Group. Following months of negotiations, the company was successfully acquired by the Actum Group, comprised of Actum Electronics, Altico Static Control, Connecta and Peter Jones Electronic Equipment, all specialist suppliers of quality top-end products and solutions for niche industries. Actum Group director Kevin Klaff indicates that adding Dowson & Dobson to the company's rapidly-expanding portfolio is the next logical step in its growth.