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PSV SUPPLIES GIANT PUMPS TO WATER PROJECT IN IRAQ

APE Pumps (“APE”), a member of the industrial engineering group PSV Holdings Limited, has completed the second of two orders worth a total of R30-million, to supply four giant water pumps to a water project in Iraq. The water supply project is approximately 100km southwest of Baghdad and this order placed with APE is similar to 3 machines delivered by APE in 2005 to the same project.

The four pumps are the biggest yet manufactured by Germiston-based APE. The project comprises the multi-billion US-dollar rehabilitation of existing canals and pumphouses which deliver water to nearby populated centres.

The latest order consists of a 1,600mm (42-inch) single-stage vertical turbine pump.

“With the recent acquisition of APE Pumps (a market leader in South Africa of vertical turbine designs and manufacture), PSV Holdings now has an expanded engineering capability, able to benefit from contracts such as these” says Abie da Silva, PSV Holdings’ CEO. Da Silva elaborates further, that this is a repeat order, further demonstrating how important an original equipment manufacturer is within the PSV group of companies and this shows through a current order book for APE of R25 million and increasing.

APE’s vertical turbine pumps are needed to replace obsolete machines within a key existing pumphouse, and were designed to fit existing sumps and foundations, and to align with original pipes.

The order for the fourth vertical turbine pump was placed with APE Pumps by Washington International Incorporated, a USA-based project management company, and includes a motor supply and a comprehensive set of spare parts.

When fitted with its 1,300kW, 420rpm 14-pole electric motor, the pump measures almost 20 metres in length, and weighs 36 tons, and is set to pump 3,800 litres of water per second at a head of 20 metres.

Apart from the casing, the pump is constructed of stainless steel throughout to combat the corrosive attack by water pumped at the high Iraqi ambient temperatures of around 50 deg C. A coating of Belzona corrosion resistant compound protects the cast iron casing itself. Before shipping early in May, witness performance tests will be carried out on the pump at the South African Bureau of Standards facility in Pretoria.

The motor will then be removed and the two machines shipped as separate, but complete assemblies from South Africa to the port of Umm Qasr in Iraq. The pump will be transported to the site by road.

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