

APE Pumps targets mine dewatering market

APE Pumps has refocused its manufacture and is to again actively target the local market for multi-stage high pressure pumps, with a special emphasis on mine dewatering applications.

This was the announcement made recently by Technical and Sales Director Alan Sternsdorf, who said that increased production of the multi-stage range and a drive for local market share were logical developments flowing naturally from the company's acquisition by AltX-listed PSV Holdings in November last year.

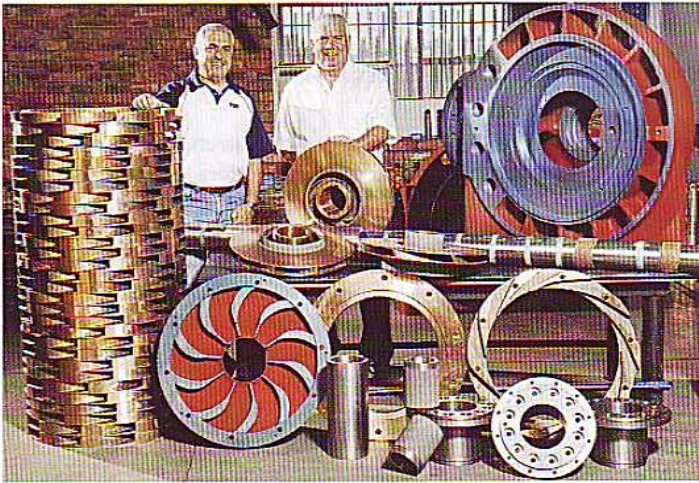
"We have been manufacturing multi-stage pumps for dewatering applications in mines outside South Africa for some years now," Sternsdorf said. "These pumps have performed to specification and with great reliability. With the PSV group providing the financial support that we need to responsibly expand our order book, the time has arrived to expand production and establish a local footprint within South African mines."

The BEE-accredited company has not previously emphasised its multi-stage range in local marketing campaigns.

Sternsdorf said that the reorganisation and expansion of APE's Wadeville works would now provide the additional capacity needed to support an increase in sales of multi-stage high pressure dewatering pumps.

The range delivers capacities up to 900 m³/h at heads of up to 1 200 m. An enlarged shaft section in all models ensures vibration-free running, with a balancing disc accommodating the additional axial-thrust balancing required for the high output pressures.

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Newly manufactured parts for APE's multi-stage high pressure pumps.