

Pumps go local

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 de-watering applications.

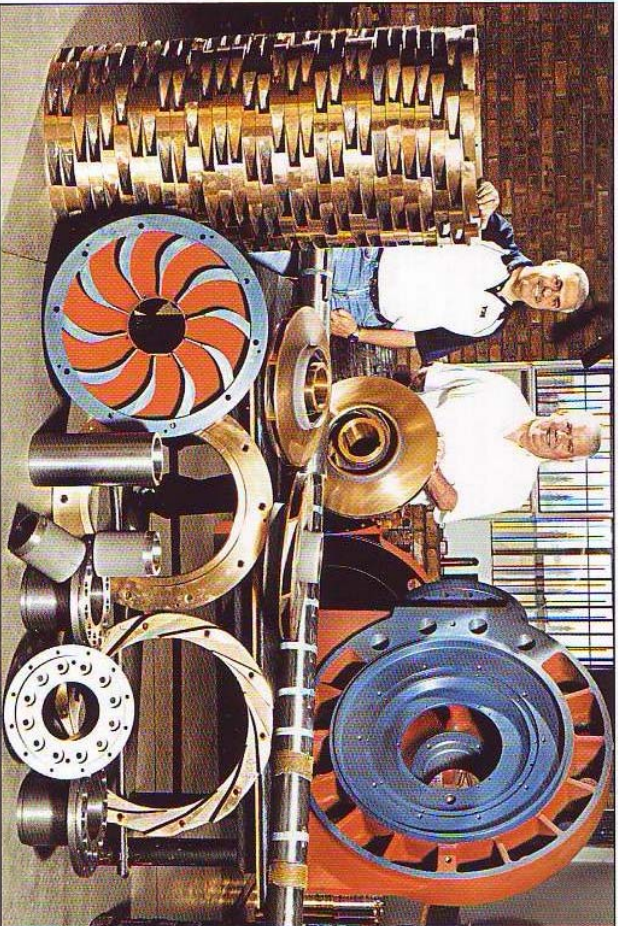
This was the announcement made recently by technical and sales director Alan Sternsdorf, who said that increased production of the multi-stage range and a drive for local market share were logical developments flowing naturally from the company's acquisition by AltX-listed PSV Holdings in November last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

"We have been manufacturing multi-stage pumps for de-watering applications in mines outside South Africa for some years now," Alan says. "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," says Alan.

Alan says that the reorganisation and expansion of APE's Waderville works would now provide the additional capacity needed to support an increase in sales of multi-stage high pressure de-watering pumps.

The range delivers capacities up to 900m³/h at heads of up to 1 200 metres. An enlarged shaft



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

section in all models ensures vibration-free running, with a balancing disc accommodating the additional axial-thrust balancing required for the high output pressures.

Shaft sealing is either by stuffing box packing or by mechani-

cal seal, and bearing housings are protected against the ingress of spray water by means of lip seals.

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