

Investing R25m in securing our future



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: Pictured here, from left, are Steve Lategan (QA manager, Trellidor), Greg Morris (project engineer, Bendet Engineering), Craig Bull (customer group manager, Henkel), Chris Wright (operations director, Trellidor), Ken van Wyk (MD, Bendet Engineering), Terry Dennison (CEO, Trellidor Group), Ron Thomas (MD, ACT) and Andrew Thomas (MD, Trellidor).

Trellidor spokesperson

WHATEVER our feelings about having to lock up our homes to go on holiday or simply spend some time in the garden, visible security has become an unavoidable part of our urban and suburban landscape. Barrier security manufacturers have experienced unprecedented demand for fixed and sliding methods of keeping criminals out, and this has driven brand-leader Trellidor to spend R25 million on a state-of-the-art powder-coating plant and seven new roll-forming machines.

"As a franchise owner that distributes Trellidor's products, I'm very excited about this enormous investment, as it is all about producing the

very best barrier security on offer in South Africa," says Peter Snijman of Trellidor Cape Town South. "As someone who is often called to crime scenes soon after a break-in, I know how important it is to install high-quality units to combat this pandemic."

Increased capacity

Trellidor's new manufacturing process has substantially increased the factory's capacity and improved on service and delivery levels to customers all over South Africa, the rest of the African continent, Australia, Israel, Europe and the Indian Ocean Islands.

The new powder-coating plant uses

cutting-edge technology in both its pre-treatment process, as well as the coating technique to produce a security barrier that fights off chipping and rust more successfully than any other barrier on the market.

Trellidor is the only manufacturer in South Africa to install this particular technology and the powder-coating spray booth is the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

Corrosion protection

"The increased corrosion protection of our products is a very important development, particularly for customers with homes at the coast," says Peter.

One of the less visible benefits of the new plant is that the manufacturing process has far less negative impact on the environment. Waste is now negligible as the systems are much more efficient and use automatic recycling techniques. The paint plant is now powered by gas, reducing Trellidor's reliance on Eskom and contributing to electricity savings for both the company and the country.

Says Peter: "Power cuts are evidently here to stay and have to be factored into our daily lives. They play havoc with security systems that depend on electricity, such as electric fencing and burglar alarms. An electrical surge when power is restored often damages these, whereas barrier security doesn't need

electricity or battery back-up systems to work. You just have to remember to close and lock them properly."

Consistent power cuts led to a delay in the commissioning of Trellidor's new equipment, which was timed for the December shut-down period, but was only completed in early February.

"We apologise to any customers who were inconvenienced by this," says Peter.

"But, the upside is that you will have received security barriers with a powder-coating finish that is unequalled by any other manufacturer in the country and that will protect them for many years to come."

For further information, call 021 683 5570.



SECURITY EXPERTS: Pictured here, from left, are John Peterson, Bruce Smith and Peter Snijman of Trellidor Cape Town South



INCREASED EFFICIENCY: Trellidor's Power and Free triplex conveyor system (above) is unique in South Africa. It moves components through the pre-treatment and powder coating procedure at a speed of almost twice the industry average, dramatically increasing Trellidor's production capacity.



REDUCING WASTE: Trellidor has replaced its five paint spray booths with one, state-of-the-art computerised booth (above). Colours can be changed in a matter of minutes and the Nordson Colourmax powder application method incorporates an automatic scrap and recovery system to reduce waste considerably.

