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Local supplier provides two-in-one solution for local gold miner

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Local concrete manufacturer Pan Mixers South Africa (PMSA) has supplied a leading local gold miner with its SEM 200/100 concrete pump and V200 turbine pan mixer, used for mixing and pumping concrete underground. PMSA marketing and sales manager **Quintin Booysen** tells *Mining Weekly*.

“The company managed to save the mine additional expense by introducing it to the SEM 100 concrete placer pump and its V200 mixer, which together can mix up to 180 ℓ of concrete and pump up to a maximum output of 6 m³/h. These products will enable the concrete to be mixed and pumped underground in a continuous operation,” explains Booysen.

“Since the acquisition of concrete pumps supplier Concrete Pumps by the PMSA group of companies in October last year, Concrete Pumps continues to concentrate on supplying mines as the industry is currently growing. There is a large amount of concrete being pumped across the continent at various mines and we are looking to expand to become preferred providers of these mines,” says Concrete Pumps owner **Tore Lilleby**.

He notes that the needs of the client and



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the products supplied to various mines can be tailored to the mine operating environment to accommodate underground concrete work.

“The newer modernised piston pumps are

not always suited to underground work in certain underground mines and we have found increased demand in the sale of SEM pumps to pump concrete for underground concrete work,” says Booysen.

Lilleby also notes that, in the past few years, the mining industry has been in a slump, especially since the economic downturn of 2008/9.

“In the past few years, the sale of concrete pumps has decreased because of the state of the mining industry; however, sales have started to pick up,” says Lilleby.

He also notes that the talk of nationalising mines in South Africa has scared off potential investors in the mining industry – although the idea is not being pursued by government.

“As active participants in the industry, companies such as ours need to know what government’s long-term intentions are for the mining sector so that the necessary planning and forecasting can be done at the supplier end,” says Booysen.

Skills Development and Training

SEM and PMSA are well aware of the shortage of skilled labourers within the industry.

“It is important that we do not let the level of training or skills development slip. People need to have a better understanding of the products that they are using and how to achieve the desired outcome with the product.

“PMSA provides training locally and internationally on the products it sells to mines, as well as having a leading team of experts that can offer advice to customers,” says Booysen.

A skilled industry is imperative to increase productivity and will result in decreased mining costs for miners, he concludes.

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