

SAVCIO Holdings group of companies going offshore.....

Integral to the implementation of our mechanical service and maintenance diversification strategy, we are pleased to announce that **hydron hydraulics** (“**hydron**”) officially joined **SAVCIO Holdings (Pty) Ltd** group of companies on 6 April 2010.

Savcio, the largest privately-owned electro-mechanical repair and service provider in Africa and have been in operation for more than 90 years. Savcio provides repair service and maintenance for all OEM products in a broad range of industries in South Africa, including the mining, rail transportation, power generation and distribution, steel production, petrochemical, oil and gas, marine and paper industries.

hydron was established in 1981 under the leadership of Alan Raab and over the last 29 years has become a leading service supplier including specialised manufacturing for hydraulic, pneumatic and related engineering in the marine, offshore and industrial sectors.

hydron is situated in the prime industrial area of Paarden Eiland, less than 5 minutes drive from Table Bay harbour, and the Cape Town C.B.D. The premises include a workshop with repair & test facilities, design office, counter sales and an extensive store. The company has an integrated computer network, which includes tools for accounting, job-costing, project planning, CAD and office administration.

hydron’s area of expertise includes power pack, ring main systems, winches, cranes, thrusters, pitch control, steering systems, engine controls, ballast and watertight door systems, drilling equipment and subsea equipment. With the support of a technical team (HUET survival certified) and self contained mobile containerised workshop with Parflange flaring and bending equipment onboard, **hydron** can complete these projects ahead of schedule safely and without interruption to the clients production.

hydron, which is ISO 9000 certified, is capable of providing these services anywhere in the world. Throughout Southern Africa, West Africa and abroad, from a simple high pressure hose to a 1000 KW central power pack **hydron** has carved itself a solid reputation by providing **“Innovative solutions which are simple, reliable and cost effective”**.

In a very competitive and demanding market, **hydron** has managed over the last few years to become an approved supplier to some of the most recognised oil and gas companies

operating offshore on the West Coast of Africa. **hydron** was recently involved as a major subcontractor to DCD Marine on the Acergy Polaris pipe-laying barge project, one of the largest marine projects successfully undertaken in South Africa. The scope of work included the Squeeze and Tensioner systems which was redesigned, installed and commissioned offshore of Gabon by **hydron**.

In 1994 **hydron** were approached by Parker Hannifin to distribute their products to the Western Cape marine industry. **hydron** took on the distributorship with pride, and Parker Hannifin responded with their full technical and commercial support. The extensive range of Parker Hannifin products gave the company an even more competitive edge, while strong technical understanding and wealth of experience continue to keep them at the forefront of this challenging field. Parker Hannifin have expanded dramatically in the fluid power field in the last 10 years, by acquiring companies such as Ermeto (EO fittings), Racor (diesel filtration), VOAC (piston motors, pumps & control valves), Commercial Shearing (gear pumps), UCC (filtration & accessories) & Fairey Arlon (filtration), Parker Dennison piston pumps and motors, and Parker Parflange F37 piping systems. Stainless steel EO fittings and tubing have recently been put into stock, based on high customer demands. All these products are supported and stocked by **hydron**.

As part of SAVCIO's new Oil and Gas Service Hub in Cape Town, **hydron** will work closely with **LH Marthinusen Cape Town** which is an Electrical Rotating Equipment service provider and **Electrowave Cape** which has extensive expertise and experience in Drive, PLC and Automation in the offshore sector, providing our clients with a cost effective electro-hydraulic turnkey solution to most upgrades and refurbishment projects.

Under the leadership of DCD Marine, Cape Town Harbour is expected to become a very attractive destination for the completion of major oil and gas upgrade and refurbishment type projects, periodically required for production and exploration equipment operating offshore on the West Coast of Africa. **hydron**, **LHM Cape Town** and **Electrowave Cape** will work very closely with **DCD Marine**, in particular on all major oil rigs, FPSO and other related projects taking place at **A-berth**, which is currently developed as a oil and gas repair and upgrade centre of excellence by **Ferro Marine Cape**.

On behalf of the Group we would like to extend a warm welcome to all hydron's employees and ensure our clients of our best endeavour to continue providing our services "*safely, on time and on budget anywhere in the world*".

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