

## Thermaspray and Surcotec sign Joint Venture agreement

A joint venture between thermal spray coating specialist companies, Thermaspray and Surcotec, brings numerous value adds to the customers' table.

Signed in April 2015, the joint venture, which gives Thermaspray a 50% shareholding in Surcotec, perfectly positions the companies to deliver an unequalled, world-class range of coating and engineering technologies and service solutions that will reduce costs and increase production by extending equipment life cycles.

### Company Profiles

#### Thermaspray

Established in 1998 and headquartered in Olifantsfontein, Johannesburg, Thermaspray leads South Africa's thermal spraying industry with a fully comprehensive product and service solutions offering for OEM customers and end-users.

#### Surcotec

Surcotec is a fully BEE compliant metal coatings and mechanical component reburbisher. The company has been operating under the present management for the past 15 years and is the longest established thermal spray coating company in the Western Cape.

### Synergies

Thermaspray and Surcotec share a number of important synergies:

1. Reputation

Well-established and respected in the market place.

2. Experience

Management and personnel have extensive experience in local and international markets.

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### 3. Values

Their management philosophies are well aligned.

### 4. Quality

ISO 9001 quality management system compliancy.

Thermaspray is Eskom level 1 certified.

Surcotec holds Eskom level 2 nuclear supplier certification.

### **Mutual Benefits**

Surcotec will draw benefits from Thermaspray's well-established systems and procedures. The company will also have the advantage of being able to use important production equipment sent from Thermaspray including grinding machines and a 6-axis robot controlled plasma spray system.

Surcotec's established infrastructure broadens Thermaspray's access to the Western and Eastern Cape regions.

### **Product and Service Offerings**

#### Thermaspray

A full range of world-class wear- and corrosion-resistant thermal spray coatings, plasma coatings and Plasma Transferred Arc (PTA) cladding is complemented by a host of specialised allied services such as coating finishing technologies including machining, grinding, diamond grinding, probe track burnishing, electrical run-out measurements/reporting, lishing and super finishing.

Thermaspray's in-house, European-approved metallurgical laboratory is the only dedicated facility of its kind in Africa's thermal spray industry (figure 1).

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**Figure 1: Thermaspray's in-house European-approved metallurgical laboratory is the only dedicated facility of its kind in Africa's thermal spray industry**

## Surcotec

The company offers surface coating technology solutions as well as precision engineering, rotating equipment repair and in-situ machining. Process capabilities include Combustion powder spray, H.V.O.F. spray, Thermal Arc spray, P.T.A and automated bore welding. Plasma Spray will also soon be available to customers and all products are supported by "round the clock" service excellence.

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