

ANCHOR INDUSTRIES REACHES A SIGNIFICANT RECORD TURNOVER

Supplier of marine and offshore mooring equipment in Southern Africa, Anchor Industries has over the past two months seen consistent growth. In October, while the rest of the world crumbled in turmoil of the global financial crisis, Anchor Industries' turnover increased by 80% as compared to the same month of the previous year.

This has been achieved through the company's involvement in several national and international projects, predominantly in South Africa, Mozambique and Angola, both on a large and small scale.

All Anchor Industries projects are conducted by adhering to specific international standards and safety regulations that are required in the industry, thus making use of the international training that employees are continuously involved in. Anchor Industries works according to the same standards and procedures that are applied by companies in Aberdeen, Singapore and Houston, therefore clients can be confident that the job will be completed properly just like anywhere else in the world.

Throughout the various projects that Anchor Industries has been involved in, they were of service in the required time constraints and still maintained safe and reliable measures.

Delivered Low Rotational SWR for offshore diamond mining

Anchor Industries delivered 2 x 300mtrs 141mm + 2 x 350mtrs 115mm Low Rotational SWR to a South African giant mining company, for drilling in the offshore diamond mining industry. The project was worth R10 million and for this large application a high quality rope was required. Anchor Industries supplied the required rope adhering to strict safety guidelines thus providing its expertise to deliver at this international mega project level.

Delivered IWRC Towing wire c/w CR Spelter Socket

Originally to be supplied by a competitor in Richard's Bay who couldn't get the order shipped to Cape Town on time, Anchor Industries delivered 910mtrs x 64mm

6x36 IWRC Towing wire c/w CR Spelter Socket on the end to an anchor handling vessel in Cape Town. Having increased their stock earlier this year, the company was able to provide the complete product from its stock base with immediate availability. Transporting the towing wire to the vessel, spooling it from the key-side, Anchor Industries used its own mobile spooling unit, sockets and wireresin. The project was completed in the shortest period of two days with one day notice.

“We are involved in a variety of services and have been involved in a lot of project work as opposed to just supplying products. Showing the scope of projects that we have been involved in Southern Africa, from large to small scale, proves that we are a globally operating company, based in South Africa, providing a skills basis at international standards”, says Dale Hutcheson, Managing Director of Anchor Industries South Africa.

Sample cutting, termination and NDT testing of Non Rating SWR for Subsea 7

Anchor Industries conducted sample cutting, termination, preparation, and NDT testing of 119mm, 92mm, 44mm, 28mm, 22mm Non Rotating SWR for the Subsea7 vessel ‘Seven Oceans’, a deepwater rigid pipelay vessel. For this project, Anchor Industries had to cut off and terminate the existing wire on board and also prepare it for testing. The wire was then sent to the UK for additional testing. This project was conducted while adhering to the specific international safety regulations that are required in this industry, making use of the international training that employees are continuously involved in.

Spooling & Socketting of SWR and Manufacturing of Mooring Grommets

Anchor Industries supplied the services of spooling and socketting of 2 x 1500mtrs 57mm SWR for Dolphin Offshore and 52mm SWR and manufactured 120mm mooring grommets for Smit Lumba. Supplying equipment and showing the company’s services in spooling and socketting, Anchor Industries also has the ability to manufacture mooring grommets and to stock mooring ropes up to the size of 120mm, which is the largest size available on stock in Cape Town. Anchor Industries cut the mooring rope to international specification lengths and spliced it into mooring grommets. Also, on their disposal is the mobile spooling unit on a jack stand, with the sheer size of Anchor’s premises allowing them to run mooring grommets, pulling out 50 - 60m rope for fast and precise manufacturing.

Manufacturing of various lengths of mooring lines for Sacarabo7 vessel

Furthermore, Anchor Industries has completed manufacturing of 6 x 96mm and 8 x 120mm Euroflex lines for the Scarabo7 vessel, a semi submersible drilling rig, currently moored at A Berth in the Cape Town harbour. The various lengths to keep the vessel alongside when at the port, 14 mooring lines with grommets had to be supplied to this rig. It was of great importance that Anchor Industries manufactured these mooring lines and grommets to strict quality standards and control because of their crucial function in a rig's fixture within the hazards of a confined harbour environment.

Termination and Socketting of Steel Wire Rope

The termination and socketting of SWR was conducted for Fairmont Alpine and Fairmount Summit, where the main aspect of the project was the time constraint that had to be met for completion. The termination and socketting was carried out over night and on board of the anchor handling vessels, designed to tow semi submersible rigs and to salvage rigs, allowing them to sail the following day. Servicing the existing equipment on board, damaged tow wire had to be cut back and re-socketted. This was done on-site and on-time.

Stevshark anchor rental contract and transportation to Mozambique

Showing its full scope of sales, testing and rentals services as well as project management capabilities on international levels once more, Anchor Industries is currently involved in a large rental contract for an estimated period of 5 months, supplying equipment to Beira in Mozambique. The company flew one 15t Stevshark anchor to Beira for immediate deployment. A plane was chartered specifically for this urgent airfreight in order to meet the tight deadline.

“We have the ability to source and provide a maximum of products and services requested by our clients, supplying them as in when the client receives them in the marine and offshore oil industry. Our employees are continuously involved in training activities, equipping them with skills that will enable them to do the jobs according to national and international specifications“, says Hutcheson.

Spooling and Socketting of SWR for Technip

Anchor Industries transported its 120 tons mobile spooling unit, the largest in Southern Africa, from Cape Town to Durban for the spooling and socketting of SWR. The equipment was delivered to Technip, an offshore exploration company. This project involved the spooling off of old wire and spooling on of new SWR 1400mtrs x 84mm, including the socketting of the wire. The Anchor Industries spooling unit is fully mobile to service their clients anywhere on the continent.

Supplied Grade ORQ Stud Link to an international offshore drilling company

Supplied 1365mtrs x 76mm Grade ORQ Stud Link Chain, weighing 180 tons, and these had to be supplied within a period of 1 ½ months. The order was placed in Houston for delivery in Cape Town. The usual time frame for manufacturing of such a large product would have been 4 – 6 months, and with Anchor Industries' international networks and long established relationships with major suppliers worldwide, it was negotiated that the factory in Europe bring the manufacturing time down to the 1 ½ months.

Visual chain inspection for Pride South Pacific in Angola

A visual chain inspection of 1100mtrs x 84mm Stud Link Chain was carried out for Pride South Pacific. For this project, Anchor Industries' chain inspection unit had to be transported to Angola; two technical inspectors were involved in the setting up of the unit on board and conducted the inspection of chain on-site. The duration of the project was merely one week.

Anchor Industries has shown the ability to do full scope projects nationally as well as in other countries, to national as well as international specifications and safety regulations, making sure that equipment is always available and that trained personnel are able to offer these on site 360 service jobs.

In line with their continued emphasis on quality and reliability, Anchor Industries has formed partnerships and alliances with major equipment suppliers worldwide. All Anchor Industries equipment is available for rental, sales and testing.

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Facts and Figures:

- Internationally operating and privately owned company based in South Africa
- Based in Cape Town with fully fledged operations in Durban and Johannesburg
- Established in 1994 to satisfy the demand for Marine, Offshore Mooring and later Lifting and Rigging
- The only stockist and supplier of offshore chains and anchors in Southern Africa
- Over 14 years experience in the marine, mooring and lifting industry
- Internationally recognised as having an independently audited DNV approved ISO 9001:2000 quality management system – Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
- All SWR slings are made to either EN13414 or SANS7531 specifications and chain slings to EN818 or SANS7593 specifications
- Proven track record both locally and internationally on big projects such as De Beers Marine, PetroSA, Intermoor and the Dalia FPSO

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