

SECURITY

Thorburn gives security a good name

IN AN industry that is infamous for low wages, compliance shirkers and poor calibre of the available labour pool, Thorburn strives to eradicate the poor perception of security in South Africa by providing premium services and products, in addition to above-average training and development of personnel.

Said managing director of Thorburn Security (Northern Region), **Dolf Scheepers**: "The upside of this phenomenal growth in our industry is the continuous creation of jobs in a time when a sizeable chunk of businesses have been downscaling.

"With this growth comes huge responsibility, and as a responsible employer, Thorburn has adapted to its own operational growth through

the involvement of its management, equity offering to the market and, of paramount importance, the safety of its people."

Earlier this year, Tsebo Outsourcing Group acquired Thorburn Security Solutions (Northern Region and Southern Region), and Thorburn Remote Monitoring Services, in order to bolster its facilities management basket of services.

Tsebo are the leading African providers of hard, soft and integrated facility services. They provide facilities management, remote camps, catering, cleaning, security, hygiene, energy management and procurement services in 21 countries across the African continent.

With the strength of the Thorburn brand in the market, the company will continue to trade under the Thorburn name. "We are very excited about the future and all the opportunities it brings," said Mr Scheepers.

In line with the expansion of the Thorburn offering to the market, Thorburn has recently added an armoured Mercedes Benz G-Wagon to its fleet of vehicles to facilitate emergency executive evacuation during times of unrest.

Added to this is a state-of-the-art mobile command unit which provides flexible surveillance solutions, without the reliance on power as it has battery back-up.

With the spate of recent community unrest in the Mpumalanga and Limpopo provinces still fresh in the mind of business owners and commuters alike (not to mention the Marikana debacle), Thorburn has prudently shifted its focus to providing mining and smelter customers with armoured personnel carriers and crowd facilitation teams in response to increased demands for this kind of capability. ■



Securex 2016: save the date

SECUREX, the largest and most comprehensive security and fire exhibition on the African continent, will be held between 24-26 May 2016 at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

Capitalising on the 5 323 industry professionals who visited the 2015 event (representing an increase of almost 12 per cent in attendees over the three-day period), the organisers are pulling out all the stops to provide exhibitors with a definitive platform to interact with a captive audience for the 2016 event.

"Based on the success of a number of new features which we introduced at the last exhibition, we will be repeating the New Products Showcase, the Business Matchmaking Programme, the Fire Hazard Identification

Challenge and the InFires seminar," says **Joshua Low**, Securex event director at Specialised Exhibitions Montgomery.

"We are also in the process of finalising an agreement with the CSCSS (Centre for Strategy Cyberspace and Security Services), an international research body, to run a one-day conference aimed at unpacking some of the latest global trends around cybersecurity and cyber warfare.

"In addition, we are currently investigating other features which would add value to the exhibitor and visitor experience. We encourage feedback from exhibitors and visitors to the show, as to features and content they feel might add further value to the exhibition in this regard," adds Mr Low.

Securex will, once again, align itself with the industry's leading associations, an initiative that bears fruit for all stakeholders.

"Together with this, we will continue to reinforce and develop the Securex Seminar educational programme which has proved to be extremely successful and aims to provide visitors with a wealth of information on current trends and legislation affecting the industry," he says.

With more than 52 per cent of stand space already booked, prospective exhibitors are encouraged to contact **Sven Riddle** or **Zelda Jordaan** on svenr@specialised.com or zeldaj@specialised.com or visit www.securex.co.za to ensure they are able to reserve their prime spot at the 2016 event. ■

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