

# SDM Switchboards distributes to the nation



Men at work at SDM Switchboards workshop

**S**DM Switchboards' design and manufacturing facility in Gaborone knows the heartbeat of Botswana's construction industry and its needs. All orders are manufactured to international and local standards thereby ensuring superior quality, and because of SDM's accessible location, progress of orders can easily be monitored.

SDM provides a wide range of electrical control products and associated equipment. In addition to the manufacture

of electrical switchboards, the company also has distributorship of major switchgear components.

SDM's design team provides CAD drawings as per clients' specifications as well as technical assistance in related matters.

The company has experienced personnel, with the Managing Director alone having been in electrical switchboard manufacture for close to thirty years.

SDM Switchboards' products are varied. They range from the main products which are electrical distribution boards, motor control panels, AHU control panels, pump control panels, PLC panels, telephone termination cabinets, street lighting kiosks and busbar trunking, to advanced CNC steel punching and steel fabrication facilities.

Not only is SDM Switchboards a major supplier to the local market, but all of their products are manufactured

right here in Gaborone.

It is not a case of these products simply being locally made, but rather that these products are of such a high standard that they are used in Botswana and exported to various other countries as well. Where components of necessity have to be imported, only the highest quality is used.

Although SDM Switchboards employs over 70 personnel and is a multinational company, more than 90% of the staff are Batswana. The Company trains its staff both inhouse and through Damelin, BAC, GAE and MTTTC because SDM believes in building the local economy and supporting the people of the country.

SDM's inclusion into the new BEMA ECard, which was recently launched by the Minister of Trade & Industry, complements SDM's professional and interactive website [www.sdmswitchboards.com](http://www.sdmswitchboards.com) bringing awareness of SDM products internationally.

However, SDM Switchboards already supplies its products to neighbouring countries Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Angola.

SDM Switchboards is currently negotiating to produce products for a large European corporation.

All of which contribute to SDM's continuing annual growth and stronger work force complement.

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Mogoditshane, the new luxury hotel at Phakalane Golf Estate, accommodation units for Botswana Defence Force (BDF) in Francistown, Gaborone and Thebephatshwa.

Pestermite is currently working on a new shopping mall in Gaborone making the company a preferred service provider in the country.

Post Construction termite treatment is available for buildings that experience termite damage after the warranty period has expired.

This type of treatment involves drilling through the concrete floor slab or drilling from the outside through the outer wall so that the termiticide can be

applied to the compacted soil below the floor slab

This type of work can be disruptive due to the noise and dust generated by the drilling work and the treatment is more expensive than pre construction treatment but very effective and necessary if you are experiencing termite infestations in your home or work place. A warranty is also available for this type of treatment

Termite treatment is also now being included in the construction phase of roads.

Subterranean termites build very large nests that can extend below the road surface. If these tunnels

collapse it could result in an uneven road surface which will ultimately need to be repaired.

Experience indicates that "spot" treatment of affected sections is effective but termites still appear in sections that were not treated. For this reason there is now a belief that a full "blanket" treatment of the entire road length is the best approach.

This form of treatment will protect the entire road length and together with regular maintenance of the road reserve should ensure a termite free environment for many years.