**PRESS RELEASE**

Tying quality and simplicity together

***5 October, 2015:*** *The self-locking KE922 Ball-lok* *Tensioning Tool eliminates the need for additional tools when tensioning and cutting off stainless steel ball-lok ties, thereby ensuring improved turnaround times and reduced costs.*

The tool is available exclusively in the local market through Banding & Identification (ID) Solutions Africa, which distributes and manufactures Band-It stainless steel strapping and buckles under license from USA-based Band-It-Idex, a world leader in quality engineered band clamping and fastening solutions.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa business manager **Rosa Remendos** says that the KE922 Ball-lok Tensioning Tool is reliable and easy-to-use. “The lightweight tool tensions and cuts off ties regardless of material or coating. Once the desired tension is reached, the tool has a manual lever to cut off tail excess tie length.”

The KE922 Ball-lok Tensioning Tool is ideal for applying Band-It 304 and 316-grade stainless steel ball-lok ties, which are also exclusively available locally through Banding & ID Solutions Africa. The ties are corrosion-resistant, and are available in 4,6 mm and 7,9 mm widths and 200 mm to 1 100 mm lengths. They are available in coated and uncoated options, and can also be supplied with enhanced corrosion resistance as well as abrasion and vibration protection.

The KE922 cable tie tensioning tool can be used for cable bundling at petrochemical plants and refineries, and at power transformer companies. Other applications include general fastening, device attachment, mounting, cable trays, and cable and wire management and maintenance. The user first loops the cable tie around the cables and inserts the tail into the cables, pulling tight by hand.

“The next step is to slide the tail into the side entry of the tool and position it against the base of the cables, squeezing the handle to tighten the tie to the required tension. Maintaining the final handle pressure, the cutter bar should be rotated upward to cut off excess material,” Remendos explains.

According to Remendos, Banding & ID Solutions Africa has received positive feedback from the local market, with regards to the stainless steel ties and the tensioning tool. She attributes this to the fact that the company provides free demos, enhanced technical support and training on all products.

“With a strong product offering and good reputation in the industry, I believe that Banding & ID Solutions Africa is in a strong position to achieve measurable growth in the short-term future,” Remendos concludes.

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**Notes to the Editor**
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