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Clampdown on inferior cable straps improves quality of power cables

***26 October, 2015:*** *Costly water-cooled power cables and coils used in furnace applications are vulnerable to corrosion and overheating if they are insufficiently clamped into place. Induction heating and foundry specialist ABP has eliminated these risks over the past two decades since using Band-It stainless steel strapping products on its power cable range.*

Water-cooled power cables are used to transfer electricity and cooling water to the furnace, with considerable dynamic forces exerted on the cables by the flowing current. With high replacement costs, ABP Inductions general manager **Byron McCall** states that a high-quality clamp is essential to ensuring that the cables supplied to customers perform at optimal efficiency.

“ABP cables are manufactured in Europe and locally. We supply and repair a fair amount per month for local operations. Each cable requires six clamps. As a result, we cannot afford to use an inferior clamp. Band-It’s heat and corrosion-resistant, non-magnetic Stainless Steel Band and Buckle are ideal for packaging, securing and transporting the cables, which are protected from heat stress and water damage,” he says.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa 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. Business manager **Rosa Remendos** says: “The stainless steel clamping system is easy to install and remove, and creates a close-knit and tidy packaging. It is available in various sizes, making it suitable for cables of all diameters.”

ABP recently built a coil for a sweet factory and used about 130 m of banding clamping to hold the coil in position. According to McCall, building a clamping device is not easy and therefore the company prefers to use Band-It’s entry level clamp for some projects. “It is very practical, easily disposable and doesn't cause any damage.”

Even though the industry has experienced a downturn, McCall states that he is confident that ABP’s relationship with Banding & ID Solutions Africa will grow stronger. “We are currently undertaking three high-profile projects using Band-It products, and I am optimistic that the market will recover in 2016, which will result in more stability and growth,” he concludes.

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