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A simple solution to a multi-billion rand crisis

***23 June 2016:*** *Cable theft is fast becoming a national crisis in South Africa. Estimates put the loss between R5 and R7-billion a year, with serious implications for the country’s economy, reliability of electricity supply and security.*

Cable thefts can cause power outages that could last for days, with copper cable thefts constituting more than 90% of all these thefts. The cost of replacing the metal has a significant disruptive effect on industry and contributes to increased tariffs and prices for ordinary South Africans. Furthermore,the replacement of stolen cables has to take preference overessential maintenance.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa sales representative **Matthew Campbell** explains that the security of any traditional cable installation can be increased by applying an Ultra-Lok clamp as frequently as every 150mm of cable. “The cost of replacing the stolen cables and resultant downtime are both high, as cable theft affects production and costs. The Band-It Ultra-Lok clamp is arobust clamping solution, with a tamper proof design. It is easy to install, and can drastically decrease cable theft in the industry.”

The effectiveness of the Ultra-Lok clamp was recently proved at a client site in August 2015. The client operates in the petrochemical industry, where conveyer belts are located in secluded areas and are difficult to monitor. Cable theft is therefore a major challenge. The verdict, after looking at both the Band & Buckle and Ball Lok ties, was that the Ultra-Lok open end clamp and installation tool would be the best suited to the client’s projects.

“We introduced the Banding & ID Solutions Africa product offering and discussed the possibilities and benefits of each. A demonstration was set up, where it was decided that the Ultra-Lok open end clamp would be the best way forward. The demonstration further confirmed that the Ultra-Lok clamp is the best possible solution,” Campbell asserts.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa has been tasked with supplying the client with application tools and clamps, and provides training to the operators that will install the clamps. Follow-up visits will take place to ensure that the clamps are correctly installed and to offer assistance where possible.

Banding & ID Solutions Africa is the African distributor of USA-based Band-It – a leading manufacturer of a full range of stainless steel band, buckle systems, preformed clamps and cable ties for numerous applications. It is also the only company that distributes the Ultra-Lok product range, the Band-It Ultra-Lok tool and open end clamps.

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**Notes to the Editor**
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