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Demand for electric forklifts as materials-handling sector goes green

**24 March 2022**: Materials-handling is the backbone of the economy and an integral part of the logistics industry. “The growth in demand for electric forklifts, as well as the uptick in the economy, are drivers of the forklift market,” comments [Shumani Industrial Equipment](http://www.shumani-industrial.co.za) MD **Victor Nemukula**. Shumani is the largest black-owned and managed industrial equipment supplier in South Africa.

Nemukula notes that the spike in demand is not necessarily due to buoyant commodity prices, but the result of unspent capital during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown period now being released onto the market. “The future of the forklift industry is electric. We are already seeing a gradual move away from internal combustion engines. Over time, only electric forklifts will operate across the breadth of the economy,” predicts Nemukula.

This is because electric forklifts represent a greener, cleaner, and safer energy source. Over their lifespan these forklifts are also far more cost-effective to operate. “Shumani’s focus is more on improving customer satisfaction using available technology,” adds Nemukula. Communication between technicians on-site and back-office staff is integral to ensure a seamless response to customer queries and any breakdown issues.

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