**PRESS RELEASE**

Advanced technology being showcased at FRIGAIR by Afrox

***04 June, 2015:*** *Sub-Saharan gas market leader Afrox is showcasing the full benefits of the ZUGIBEAST – a portable, high-speed decontamination unit – at the 2015 FRIGAIR Africa Exhibition taking place from 3 June to 5 June at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand.*

As a signatory to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, South Africa has implemented strict laws that are designed to reduce the production and consumption of ozone depleting substances.

As of January 2013, government targets are to reduce ozone depleting substances by five percent per annum, before being entirely phased out by 2040. HCFC gases, which are regarded as having high ozone depleting potential, are still widely-used in the local refrigeration industry.

R22 is the most commonly-used HCFC gas, and Sub-Saharan gas market leader Afrox is able to assist refrigeration companies in dramatically reducing their environmental impact and overall operational costs, by offering a highly-specialised refrigerant recovery, reclaiming and recycling service, not only for R22 but also for all other synthetic refrigerants.

Afrox business manager for special products and chemicals **Jaco Coetzee** reveals that Afrox is the only company in Africa to make use of the technologically-advanced and patented ZUGIBEAST, a portable, high-speed decontamination unit that works similarly to kidney dialysis. It is able to operate at speeds three times faster than any other current technology available in South Africa.

“The ZUGIBEAST extracts contaminated oil, moisture and other non-condensibles. As part of this unique offering, Coetzee says that Afrox is able to undertake the service for clients at their premises, or at its specialised facilities. “Clients provide us with the contaminated refrigerant in either cylinders or drums, and we will handle it in a responsible and safe manner,” he explains.

As part of the offer, Afrox can also provide recovery cylinders and drums to customers who can return the contaminated product to Afrox for safe disposal through the extensive Afrox national footprint in southern Africa. To find out more about the ZUGIBEAST click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_aKz_5WxUI&feature=youtu.be).

FRIGAIR is the only dedicated heating, energy, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration trade show in Africa. Coetzee believes that FRIGAIR serves as the ideal platform to showcase this holistic and comprehensive solutions offering that is mobile and flexible for all refrigerant industries, including; commercial refrigeration, chillers, supermarkets, mining, hospitals and office parks, to name a few.

“FRIGAIR hosts the top decision makers in the local refrigeration industry. This provides us with the opportunity to obtain maximum exposure for this innovative technology and service offering, through interactive demonstrations hosted by our leading product experts,” he concludes.

Visit Afrox at Stand B7A at any time throughout the duration of the FRIGAIR Africa Exhibition to learn exactly how the ZUGIBEAST operates, and how the Afrox refrigerant recovery, reclaiming and recycling service works. For more information on the FRIGAIR Africa Exhibition, visit [www.frigairexpo.co.za](http://www.frigairexpo.co.za/)

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