

Manufacturer supplies stainless steel diesel field stoves to SANDF

Manufacturer and exporter Desert Wolf plays an instrumental role in project teamster, which is the new South African National Defence Force (SANDF) project to upgrade the complete field kitchen facilities for the defence force and is currently supplying it with a range of stainless steel diesel field stoves and diesel modules.

Desert Wolf, which has recently reinstated its Southern Africa Stainless Steel Development Association (Sassda) membership, states that, during 2016 and 2017, the company completed the design and manufacture of

the first phase of the project, which encompassed a mobile field cooking unit for 15 people (FCU-15).

“The cornerstone innovation comes from our BOMA-30D 5.5kW diesel stove using a combination of 304 and 3CR12 stainless steel, which runs in the field on any grade of diesel available across Africa,” comments Desert Wolf director **Hennie Kieser**.

He explains that the company is starting with the next phase to deliver the diesel cooking modules for the new 50-man and 200-man containerised kitchens, using stainless steel throughout the manufacturing process, as

these are busy kitchens and hygiene is a priority. He adds that each container kitchen will comprise two large boiling pans, a flat top double purpose griller and a large convection oven.

The company uses only stainless steel in the construction of all Desert Wolf trailers, with the chassis made from 3CR12 and the body 304 or 316, depending on the operating environment of the trailer.

“The joy of using stainless steel is when you see a customer bringing in a trailer for service that is more than 20 years old and still showing no signs of age.”

African Expansion

Desert Wolf is now exporting to countries across Africa with its most recent distributions, including surveillance and generator equipment to Ghana, Mozambique and Angola and mobile field kitchens to

Namibia and Botswana.

“This year, we have established Desert Wolf Zambia, a new arm of our business and we plan to export and locally manufacture our range of mobile surveillance equipment for the Zambian mining market,” Kieser says.

Each range of surveillance and communication trailers has been built with a specific purpose in mind, as surveillance units, communications units and repeater stations, to allow for extremely long-range surveillance while, at the same time, handling rugged off-road and hostile environmental conditions.

After a mere two months of operations, the company is already in negotiations for significant orders.

Sassda executive director **John Tarboton** comments on the importance of this type of Africentric approach, saying the use of stainless steel in this type of military application shows the strength, durability and hygiene benefits synonymously with this ‘noble’ metal.

He concludes that the fact that this project is Africa-based shows the potential of the local industry to add value across the continent and grow cross-border opportunities. ■

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Desert Wolf supplies mobile field cooking units made from stainless steel