

Pyrotec maximises uptime with new 350kw generator

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Load shedding has become a constant reality in South Africa. In order to mitigate the effects of an unreliable power supply, Pyrotec has made the decision to purchase a standby generator which will be installed by approximately the end April 2015.



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"Our goal is to ensure that business goes on as usual and that we continue to meet our customers' expected delivery dates, no matter what happens.

"After engaging a consultant to advise us, we have selected a John Deere-driven generator due to its high level of reliability and CSA tested safety credentials. It also has an easily serviceable motor, which drives a 350kw alternator.

"With this new generator, we will be able to keep the whole plant and office running during power cuts, including the night shift," explains Pyrotec Works Manager Robbie Doidge.

Whilst planning for blackouts is vitally important in our industry, we are also mindful about the way we use power when load shedding is not in effect. At Pyrotec, we believe that South African businesses should work together to minimise the huge demand for electricity that is currently being placed on our struggling national power grid.

To this end, Pyrotec has numerous energy efficiency initiatives in place to cut our overall power consumption. We have converted the entire factory lighting to energy saving electronic technology and all our office lights are operated on zone switches. Additionally, our outside flood lighting has been converted to power efficient and long-lasting LED lighting.

With these measures in place, Pyrotec is well prepared for the energy constraints that are yet to come. We are also part of the long-term solution - which is to change the way that we consume electricity in this country.

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