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SABS quality mark for explosives*

AECI Explosives and Chemicals Limited has been awarded the SABS permit to apply the SABS standardization mark to all its permitted NG explosives manufactured at Modderfontein.

The Blasting Explosives Department of AECI Explosives and Chemicals Limited obtained the SABS 0157 listing in March this year and immediately followed that achievement by securing the SABS quality mark.

As far as can be ascertained, Modderfontein is the first explosives fabdNry in the world that has been assessed and found to comply with ISO 9002, which is the international equivalent of SABS 0157.

The SABS quality mark is applied to a commodity that complies with a comprehensive standard specification and

covers characteristic requirements to ensure that the product is fit for its purpose.

It is obtained only after strict assessment of the manufacturer's compliance with the requirements of SABS Code of Practice 0157, and the manufacturer is then subjected to regular quality audits. Samples of the product are tested on a regular basis to ensure that they continue to maintain and conform to the requirements.

'The Mines and Works Act No. 27 of 1957 will now be amended to make the mark a requirement for all explosives used in fiery mines, and in any coal mine where there is danger of coal-dust explosion', stated Mr Jan Meyer, Chief Director, Chemical Services, SABS, who presented the quality mark to Blasting Explosives Manager, Geoff Woodford, at an official ceremony at Modderfontein.

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