

Bell backup service keeps Casmar coming back

Imagine the pleasant surprise for a contractor working in the mining environment when his decision to buy new crushing equipment one evening was met with the happy news the following morning that his original equipment supplier has stock in hand and, given that his finances are in place, delivery could be done immediately.

With many long delivery lead times being the norm, this may sound like a fairytale, but Johan Raab and Herman Wenhold of mining contracting company Casmar, can attest to this happening quite recently.

“Casmar had taken the decision to buy a new Finlay J-1175 Jaw Crusher on a Thursday evening in early October 2014 and we were delighted when Anton

Snyman, our Bell Equipment Sales Representative in Rustenburg, told us the following morning that they had stock,” they say. “Fortunately we had financing in place and delivery happened almost immediately, which worked in our favour as we had recently landed a contract to crush 245 000 cubic metres of UG2 waste rock on a nearby platinum mine.”

Since starting the business in Rustenburg in 2006, Casmar has concentrated its efforts on a bit more of a niche market, supplying crushing and screening services to the mining industry.

“We’ve worked extensively in UG2 platinum, manganese and ferrochrome and have, over the years, built a solid relationship with Wikus Kleynhans and what we believe

are the superior products in the Finlay range,” they continue. “When we heard that Bell Equipment was going to distribute and backup the Finlay range and that Wikus would be joining Bell Equipment for this purpose, we were heartened as solid technical backup is key especially in our industry.”

Having previously owned Finlay J-1175 Jaw Crushers as well as Finlay 683 Screeners and Finlay 694 Triple-decked Screeners, Casmar knew what to expect from their new machine. “Given that we were tasked with crushing almost a quarter of a million tonnes of UG2 waste rock to be used on the terrace of a new Eskom sub-station by April next year, it was imperative for us to get started and this we could do, due to Bell Equipment having the machine in stock,” they say. “This waste rock is very hard and abrasive and varying fuel consumption of between 25 and 28 litres an hour is quite acceptable to our clients and us.”

“Our previous experience with Finlay J-1175 Jaw Crushers has taught us that its many features make for smooth operations and increased uptime, a fact that endears us to our long-term clients,” they add. “Some of these features include the reversible operation for clearing blockages, impact bars directly under the

conveyor feed point, wear resistant liners at the crusher feed point and a wide 1 000mm main conveyor.”

Casmar Mining’s experience with Bell Equipment has a history as the company owns a Bell L2106D Wheeled Loader and has also owned a Bell 315 SJ Tractor Loader Backhoe. “We’ve come to appreciate the wide footprint that Bell Equipment has, especially when it comes to where its Customer Service Centres are situated and the wide range of parts they carry. The nature of our work is such that the abrasive materials we crush cause much wear and tear on consumable components of our machines and solid technical backup and parts availability are key to us being able to offer our clients a sustained service.”

They also note that parts not available immediately, have in the past taken a mere 24 hours to be delivered, even to a remote mine site in the Northern Cape.

“Ideally, we see ourselves walking a long path with Bell Equipment in the future as we are thinking seriously of expanding our Finlay range and we’re confident that Bell Equipment will back us with expertise and solid maintenance as well.”

Standing in front of Casmar Mining’s Finlay J-1175 Jaw Crusher are (from left): Grant Anderson (Casmar Mining’s Site Manager), Anton Snyman (Bell Equipment Sales Representative) and Johan Raab (Casmar Mining).

