

Bell Equipment's largest dealer in South, Central, East and West Africa, Kanu Equipment, opened its new sales and service complex in Botswana's capital Gaborone earlier this year before the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

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Situated in the Phakalane Industrial area northwest of Gaborone, the 1 100 square metre facility has been based on Bell Equipment's design of its Customer Service Centres in Southern Africa. The site and building were developed and built by the owners, Time Projects, a local development company with a 30-year track record in Botswana.

The building has adequate space for its 66 staff members working in administration, finance, parts and the extensive workshop, which has four bays to accommodate large earthmoving and agricultural equipment. There is also an area set aside for training purposes.

The complex, situated on 6 400 square metres of land, took nine months to build and is valued at P21 million

The complex was officially opened by Kanu Equipment's Chairman, Alexis Caude, at the end of January. During a function attended by some 200 customers, suppliers and personnel, Bell Equipment CEO, Leon Goosen, spoke of the commitment Bell has to its highly valued dealers such as Kanu Equipment and further committed the company's sales, parts and technical support.

In addition to the Gaberone facility, Kanu Equipment has a fully-fledged parts and service centre in Francistown and satellite branches at two of Botswana's largest diamond mines at Orapa and Jwaneng, as well as at the Khoemacau copper mine.