

MANN+HUMMEL Opens South African Production Facility

The world's leading filtration company expands its worldwide production footprint and underlines its commitment to Africa with a new production facility in South Africa.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA: Leading filtration specialists MANN+HUMMEL is proud to announce the latest addition to its worldwide manufacturing network, a brand-new manufacturing plant in Kempton Park outside Johannesburg. In its initial phase, the 3,200 square-metre facility will be the epicenter of MANN+HUMMEL's supply to the local commercial vehicle and passenger car aftermarket industries.

A manufacturing hub in Southern Africa is the culmination of a project that started in 2016 when MANN+HUMMEL identified South Africa, the largest automotive market on the continent of Africa, as the suitable location to lay down roots in Africa. The first major milestone was the foundation of a Sales Office followed by the establishment of an Automotive Aftermarket Distribution Center.

The long-term vision to manufacture on local soil has finally been realised with the opening of the manufacturing plant. The facility in Johannesburg will serve as a strategic hub for sub-Saharan Africa as it lays the groundwork for expansion into Africa. Local production will allow MANN+HUMMEL to maintain its position as industry leaders throughout the region. "This plant in South Africa is a key milestone in MANN+HUMMEL Africa's business growth strategy," said Kurk Wilks, President & CEO of MANN+HUMMEL, at the opening ceremony. "Aligned with our 'in the region, for the region' approach, we produce our products close to and flexibly for our customers in Southern Africa."

The new plant will commence operations in March 2025 with numerous jobs created for the skilled local workforce from inception. The number of employees will further increase as production ramps up to full, three-shift capacity.

This facility will be responsible for producing several dozen high-performance filters for commercial vehicles and passenger cars. The manufacturing operation has the capability to produce 600,000 units per year at peak capacity.

Solar power will be used extensively in the day-to-day operations of the plant. In keeping with the company's sustainable production ethos, it will also employ the 3R initiatives: reduce, re-use and recycle to ensure minimal environmental impact.

"The opening of our new production plant in Johannesburg, South Africa, is a giant leap for our local African team. By focusing on the commercial vehicle, off-highway, and passenger car segments, we aim to deliver innovative and reliable solutions tailored to local markets. Our flexible and responsive manufacturing process allows us to meet the specific needs of our Independent Aftermarket customers in the SADC region. We are confident that this new chapter will bring growth and prosperity to the local community," said Dr. Rostislav Khyr, COO / Group Vice President Global Operations Transportation.

Parent company, MANN+HUMMEL is widely regarded as one of the leaders in the filtration industry. The German based company has over eighty years of experience in the field. Current offerings include filtration solutions for the water, agriculture, mining, medical, food and beverage as well as healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. From a mobility perspective there are offerings for automotive manufacturing, railway, maritime, e-mobility, and airplanes.

"We are confident that Africa's economic importance will continue to grow, and as filtration experts, we will sustainably support this growth. This investment is a clear commitment to our ongoing efforts to expand our footprint in Africa. We are currently examining the possibilities for further commitments in other African countries. The markets in Africa have enormous potential and offer MANN+HUMMEL opportunities for growth." added Cedric Dackam, President & General Manager for the Automotive Aftermarket.

Cavin Hearne, Managing Director of MANN+HUMMEL Southern Africa added, "We place a high-level of importance on our South African clients and our ability to serve them efficiently. From this facility we can provide quicker response times as well as better service to our clients in both South Africa and Southern Africa."

About MANN+HUMMEL

For more than 80 years, MANN+HUMMEL has stood for leadership in filtration. As a family-owned filter company with German roots, we operate globally at more than 80 locations. For our filtration solutions, we use the combined know-how of our employees, a global research and development network, and the opportunities offered by digitalization. The future is being decided now. That is why today we provide filtration solutions for tomorrow.

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