



Delegation from South Africa visits Orion Energy Systems

Visit designed to explore opportunities, build bridges between people

MANITOWOC, Wis. — May 20, 2009 — Orion Energy Systems Inc. (Nasdaq: OESX) on Monday hosted a delegation of Johannesburg, South Africa, civic and business leaders seeking alternatives to the city's electricity woes.

The delegation was led by Consul Economic Charles Manuel, and included four others from the South African city of nearly 4 million residents. The group met with Orion's President and CEO Neal Verfuert, Kevin Crawford, Orion's vice president of business development and governmental affairs, and Mike Potts, Orion's executive vice president.



Orion's Executive Vice President Mike Potts, left, and Kevin Crawford, Orion's vice president of business development and governmental affairs, third from left, show off Orion technology to a delegation of business and civic leaders from South Africa.

Orion is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy-efficient lighting systems, controls and direct renewable products for commercial and industrial customers.

The focus of the delegate's meeting at Orion was "to explore mutually beneficial opportunities and to build bridges between our people," according to the consul's office.

Johannesburg is currently considering options to help power the city, which is growing at a rate of nearly 2 percent annually. Its electricity infrastructure is more than 50 years old and is a growing concern of civic leaders. Energy efficiency is a focus in the city to potentially offset building new coal-burning power plants.

Orion's technology is proven to permanently reduce electricity load because it uses half the electricity of traditional lighting technology, which in turn reduces load for the utility, reduces energy costs to the customer and decreases the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

In addition to Manitowoc, the delegates visited New York City, Chicago, Detroit and other Midwestern cities.

Orion has deployed its energy management systems in 4,387 facilities across North America. Since 2001, Orion technology has displaced more than 423 megawatts, saving customers more

than \$514 million and reducing indirect carbon dioxide emissions by 4.3 million tons. Orion's technology was recently internationally recognized with a Platts Global Energy Award for the single most innovative and sustainable green technology of 2008.

Caption: Orion's Executive Vice President Mike Potts, left, and Kevin Crawford, Orion's vice president of business development and governmental affairs, third from left, show off Orion technology to a delegation of business and civic leaders from South Africa. The delegation visited Orion to learn about the company and how it can help the alleviate energy woes.

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