Increasing support for side-loaders

LEADING supplier to the mining, construction and manufacturing industries, Atlas Copco, has joined the many South African companies that are seeing the benefit of Goscor Lift Truck Company's (GLTC) Hubtex specialised sideloaders.

"The versatility of the Hubtex and its ability to handle long loads and work at the required height in narrow aisles - attributes which a conventional forklift cannot offer – have, in a short time, made a palpable difference in the warehouse," says Tammy Cairns-Buhler, Atlas Copco Distribution Centre Manager.

"We had been told of the Hubtex advantage by one of Atlas Copco's divisions in Sweden, which spurred our interest," says Cairns-Buhler. "And when we saw it demonstrated it was immediately apparent that this was the solution for our business and that conventional forklifts were not really fit for our purpose. We have not been disappointed in its performance and look forward to seeing even better productivity down the line."



Atlas Copco bought the Hubtex MQ 30, which is one of the world's most popular electric sideloaders. It has multi-directional steering for the handling of pallets and long loads. Characterised by its compact design, it is especially suited to narrow aisle storage applications.

"The smallest possible aisle width can be achieved because of the choice of different cabin versions for individual requirements." explains GLTC MD, Darryl Shafto.

In fact the Hubtex electric sideloaders are the ultimate in versatility offering users a large choice depending on their particular application. Apart from the choice in cabs, they can be equipped with a short chassis for block stacking and they can be used both indoors and outside.

Equipped with a travel motor which is constructed in an upright and water-protected manner it can work in poor weather conditions without hesitation.

The MQ 30 has a lifting capacity of 3-tons and a lift height of up to 10m.

Shafto says that while there is still a plethora of S.A. companies using inappropriate machines for their particular applications, there are many companies like Atlas Copco which are taking note of the way Hubtex is improving efficiencies in other South African companies and many European companies.

With a process that was 'green' in nature, it was logical to acquire an environmentally friendly, 'green' stacker: "We had all but decided to invest in an additional three-wheeled four-way stacker", explains Peter Weller, Dauerholz AG operations manager.

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