



RSB Contracts, a dynamic team fostering partnerships for dynamic projects

RSB Contracts is owned and run by three dynamic young gentlemen: Richard Spencer, Ruan Swart, and Jacques Barnard.

They were recently involved as the fabrication, erection and painting contractor for the Ford Package E Structural Steel Supply, which won the Best Automotive Steel award at the SAISC Steel Awards.

Overcoming project challenges

One of the challenges they faced was that RSB received its PO on the day that South Africa's hard lockdown was implemented. This meant they were unsure what would happen and when work would commence. During the hard lockdown, the team had to remotely carry out detailed shop drawings and manage procurement planning.

Once the hard lockdown was over, the team had to commence with fabrication works. This was soon hampered by port hold ups on the imported steel. They needed to work closely with their suppliers to ensure delivery of the stock required to supply and fabricate the 5000 tonnes of structural steelwork required for this project.

To accommodate the limited supply for the specific steel sections they required, some redesigning had to be done. Working closely with the structural engineers they redesigned certain elements to still be structurally sound but make use of the limited sections South Africa's steel suppliers could provide after Covid 19 disruptions.

Despite the many challenges, and a testament to their collaborative and hardworking

nature, the project was completed ahead of schedule.

Excitement in the challenge

Although RSB Contracts faced challenges and uncertainty, they found the project quite exciting. As Richard Spencer says, "Projects of this size aren't plentiful, so being involved with it was great. To deliver a project of this magnitude, with these hurdles, in such a tight timeframe, makes us very proud. And to win an award for it – Priceless!"

RSB Contracts were fabricating and erecting 60 tonnes of structural steelwork per day during the project.

Why choose RSB Contracts?

RSB Contracts has a vision of collaboration and working together. Their goal is to know their competitors and to forge personal relationships to better work together. They believe that the old-school mentality where people may have been enemies is a thing of the past. Everyone must work together for the benefit of the industry.

RSB Contracts has provided quality structural steelwork, fabrication, and erection through Southern Africa since 1998. Their extensive knowledge and the challenges they faced during the pandemic, enabled ground negotiations to take place to deal with suppliers. This experience contributes to their unique craftsmanship.

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