

## SA METAL GROUP ACQUIRES THREE TEREX MATERIAL HANDLERS



The SA Metal Group, one of the largest metal recyclers in South Africa, recently commissioned the second of the three Terex Fuchs material handling units supplied by Terex Africa, Cape Town.

The Cape Town-based company collects and processes all forms of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal, some of which is consumed by local smelting, alloying and casting operations, while the balance is exported throughout the world.

According to engineering manager and SA Metal Group director Xavier Fazakerley, the company traditionally used track material handlers, and sought an experienced partner that could supply wheeled versions of the excavator.

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The experience gained with the first Terex Fuchs MHL 340-D unit – which was commissioned six months ago – has shown the machine yields definite productivity benefits.

"The wheeled unit has meant advancement for us. It is easier and quicker to move, has longer reach and does far less damage to working surfaces than a track model," says Fazakerley.

Product manager for Terex-Fuchs, Philipp Brunner, travelled from Germany to hand over the second unit on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008, which was joined shortly thereafter by the remaining member of the trio at the end of July.

Terex Fuchs delivers a full range of products for the material handling industry that can be used in a variety of applications. These include scrap recycling, logging, demolition and portside material handling. Operating weights range from 19 ton in the MHL 320 D to 66 tons in the MHL 380 and maximum reaches from 9.15 to 21 m respectively.

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