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ACTA PARTITIONING

Despite the state of the economy the other agreements, which are providing a steady flow of business for ACTA include, Tullow Oil, DDB Advertising, Deloitte, and the Italian Trade Commission. With the Botswana airport terminal deal, a combined 3 000 linear meters of partitioning will be installed by ACTA over the next year on these jobs alone.

According to ACTA SA spokesperson and CN Business Furniture Group Managing Director, Robbie Bergh, the CN group is the exclusive provider of the partitioning system within the country. He goes on to say that the wall system is designed to provide a solution for most environments within the workplace, adding that the fully integrated partitioning system provides not only functionality but incorporates modern aesthetics too.

"In an environment when the bottom-line is under pressure and the price of corporate office space continues to climb, the need for strategies that reduce set up, expansion or any other associated office floor plan and layout costs, is greater than ever before. The beauty of the ACTA system is that it is truly demountable and can grow with and accommodate the space needs of a business.

Instead of having to move premises, floor space can be reconfigured to become more optimal and efficient while still maintaining an appearance of implicit quality," says Bergh. "Another economic consideration in favour of the system is its rapid installation which minimises downtime and is facilitated through comprehensive site surveys and the pre-fabrication of all modules; another plus for companies that can ill afford to close their offices during renovations."



ACTA Partitioning Systems South Africa, an operating division of the CN Business Furniture Group, has secured new contracts valued in excess of R18-million over the past 12 months. The popularity of the Italian-designed versatile wall partitioning system - which has the ability to revolutionise office design and layout - has extended beyond the borders of South Africa, with the most significant of the recent deals being a R10-million transaction, signed with the International Airport of Botswana.



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No ordinary partitioning system, this premium Italian-designed product is almost completely manufactured by ACTA under license in South Africa, with just the door handles and hinges being imported.

"The status of the ACTA partitioning system cannot be argued for it comes standard with a wide range of features and benefits, not commonplace with more regular run of the mill partitioning," says Bergh.

With a range of "green" board laminate finishes, including light and dark oak, cherry morgana, havanna, dark zebrano, silver, black and white laminate, and glass, there is a colour selection that will comfortably and seamlessly compliment existing corporate colour schemes. In addition to this, all finishes match the exclusive CN desking wood grain finishes. The partitioning system also includes a range of accessories like adjustable integrated shelving (need more detail here) and blinds which, when installed between glass panels and operated mechanically, need never be cleaned again. For companies wishing to brand their panels, decals can be applied to the glass partitioning which come frosted and clear.

The CN group has always supported the notion that effective ergonomics is at the epicenter of increasing and maintaining optimal productivity levels in organisations. It's no surprise then that all the elements making up the ACTA partitioning wall system have been carefully developed taking human functionality into consideration.

"The appropriate positioning of glazed panels, which provides privacy with transparency, allows natural light to pass through and reach central areas. By allowing natural light into workspace areas, there is less chance of 'sick building syndrome' setting in," says Bergh.

Even though sound proof material can be inserted between solid melamine panels to enhance and guarantee audible privacy, it's still one of the least bulky systems on the market; double glazing of glass panels will achieve the same sound proofing effect. Thermal insulation can also be requested. The system, which suffers no damage if it comes into contact with moisture, can withstand permanent stress and absorb a building's permitted strain, while the fire-retardant melamine panel structure is class one for reaction to fire and the aluminum and steel elements are not flammable.

The partitioning also has the ability to compensate for variances in floor and ceiling levels - approximately 15mm at floor level and 30mm at ceiling height; an absolute requirement when the leveling of a building is seldom as it should be. Maintaining form and function when it comes to cabling is a challenge every business must face at some point and the design of the ACTA partitioning allows electrical, data and voice cables to be reticulated within the system and components can be mounted on solid panels for easy access.

"Transforming office space really has been simplified with the ACTA system and the proof is in our many recent appointments; even when competing and up against the most exacting of international competitors for the business," says Bergh.

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