

## A-Gas SA celebrates 20th Anniversary



A-GAS SOUTH AFRICA celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. The company is a global leader in the supply and lifecycle management of refrigerant and service gases to the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) industries.

“A-Gas South Africa has played a leading role in ensuring that the local HVACR industry meets the requirements within the regulatory framework established under the Montreal Protocol, which is an international treaty designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production of numerous substances that are responsible for ozone depletion,” MD Johnny Scott explains.

A-Gas South Africa is segmented into five business units, namely Refrigerants, Environmental Services, Industrial Special Products, Fire Protection and Performance Chemicals. Scott has been with the local company since its inception, beginning his career as technical assistant, and progressing quickly to become Operations Manager through to Managing Director South Africa.



Johnny Scott, Managing Director of A-Gas South Africa

“Through the wider A-Gas network we see ourselves as being able to think globally and deliver locally.” A-Gas South Africa’s primary focus is providing a Total Solutions offer to its respective markets. “We are global in our knowledge and our reach, combined with a significant investment in bulk storage, equipment and cylinders across our global business ensures that we can guarantee the latest technologies and products.” Scott adds.

The growing trend for environmental-friendly products has resulted in A-Gas South Africa actively promoting ‘cradle-to-grave’ product stewardship. “We have a unique environmental service offering, whereby customers have the option to return unwanted and/or contaminated refrigerants to be ‘recycled or destroyed,’” Scott highlights.

This is a clear example of the company’s commitment to ensuring that the local HVACR industry remains up-to-date with the latest trends and developments. In this regard, A-Gas South Africa remains at the forefront of technological development within the industry. “We have the added benefit of sharing skills and experiences from more developed and advanced markets that the Group has established operations in over the past 20+ years. During this time A-Gas has built up a respected brand both locally and globally, a brand that is associated with quality product and high levels of service.”

In addition, A-Gas South

Africa has established long-standing relationships with key suppliers and customers over the past 20 years.

Metraclark has played an integral part in the A-Gas journey since inception. Metraclark is wholly-owned by Beijer Ref AB, a Swedish-based company listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange.

“We have grown in tandem with A-Gas South Africa over its distinguished history to date, and we continue to support each other in our collective efforts to ensure that the local HVACR industry is provided with the same high quality of products, information and service as those of Europe and the US,” Metraclark MD Jurie Benade comments.

Another key company associated with A-Gas South Africa is RB & Son Transport Group, a dedicated and focused national logistics solutions provider. “We congratulate A-Gas South Africa on this significant achievement, and look forward to being a preferred partner for the next 20 years,” comments Peter O’Donoghue, MD of RB & Son Transport, Johannesburg.

Scott attributes the company’s ongoing success to the following factors: “Fortunately, I learnt fairly early on in my career that you are only as good as your team. I continually surround myself with passionate, dedicated people. A good, healthy culture is critical to our business. Coupled with good people, we can achieve a great deal. This is something I have always valued greatly,” he concludes.



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