ACCOMMODATION

300 modular units delivered to Xstrata

Kwikspace has delivered 300 units to four different camps for a site management services company at the Xstrata Lion ferrochrome complex Phase 2 expansion project. By Gerhard Hope.

Kwikspace Building Products is the largest mobile unit rental company in South Africa and continually adds new units in order to keep its fleet looking new and fresh. The mining industry “is very important to us as it accounts for a large portion of our market,” a Kwikspace spokesperson tells Inside Mining.

The company’s products are built around supplying quick accommodation, specifically for projects where a full camp and offices are required (namely, accommodation, ablutions, change houses, kitchens, diners, laundries, clinics, offices, etc.) “Major mining projects require these facilities, and it is for this reason that we are able to add value by supplying products to meet the need for each of these requirements.”

Kwikspace is also very active in Africa, and has just opened up a factory in Tete, Mozambique. “While the Nacala Corridor Project, one of the largest mining and construction projects to take place internationally, has been under way in Mozambique, we have been involved in the delivery of a 700-person camp at Nacala, having been contracted by a large international mining company.

“We also completed the erection of two accommodation camps in Malawi as part of the same project. We have delivered services to Guinea, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia over the years.

“In terms of the Xstrata project, Kwikspace began rolling out the bulk of the units at the beginning of January 2012. They were delivered to four different camps, namely Tau (Labour camp), Ilubeis (supervisor camp), Serabi (management camp) and Ngala (artisan camp). The units varied per camp: for example, the management units have en-suite ablutions and the supervisor units have shared en-suite ablutions, while the labour units have communal ablutions.

“Our relationship with the site services company that won the tender for the management of the camp goes back a long way. We understand their market and what they require of us in order for them to be successful, that is the availability of units, on-time deliveries and service back up.

“We continually supply units, generally offices or ablutions, to the mining sector, at various mines across South Africa. Our next major project will be the Anglo redeployment of workers from Rustenburg to Amandelbult. This should kick off shortly and will involve the supply of 420 rooms,” reveals the spokesperson.

In terms of latest developments, the company introduced its new Zozo units in 2009, which are becoming increasingly popular due to their versatility. These are modular units that can be joined numerous times, either on the width or length side, to form the required building size. The units can also be stacked up to three storeys high.