



Leo Bricks emerges

Emergent brick manufacturer, Johannesburg-based Leo Bricks, was established in 2007 and has grown considerably since.

According to Leo Bricks' plant manager Olga Maroga, the past year has been slow for the brick industry; however, the beginning of 2014 has seen an upturn in business. Leo Bricks' biggest clients are the owners of the RDP houses in and around Bram Fischer, Meadowlands and Soweto who purchase bricks to extend their houses.



This UNI Plant brick making machine has been in service at Leo Bricks for six years and is still running well – producing 3 000 hollow block bricks per shift every day

The company bought its first UNI plant brick making machine in 2007 and to date they own two of these machines. Maroga explains: "There were 11 employees at our facility in Meadowlands working with only one machine. A second UNI plant was purchased and our employee base has grown as we needed more people to work the extra machines, as well as drivers and delivery staff."

She adds that Leo Bricks has since expanded to include two RE600 machines which has resulted in the company opening a second site in Bram Fischer, Johannesburg. "The facility in Bram Fischer has enabled us to manufacture twice the amount of bricks and blocks – and I believe that the company can continue to grow."

Maroga points out that Leo Bricks has, since its establishment, worked closely with Pan Mixers South Africa (PMSA). "PMSA offers innovative machines to its clients and has provided good quality machines and an excellent after-sales and service support. I will definitely continue to work with them in the future," she concludes. ■