

Fiori clinches agent

The Fiori self-loading concrete-to-batch units are to be supplied locally by Pan Mixers. *Plant* first learnt about the technology at Intermat in Paris in 2009 when the company was still finalising its agency agreement. Readers may recall that another two manufacturers of similar units are also keen on entering the country. Fiori is competing against the Merlo and AUSA units, which have already found a home in the country.

Director of Pan Mixers South Africa, Walter Ebeling, says: "This equipment is ideal for mixing high-quality concrete, without having a massive concrete batching plant or a large labour force. To be able to mix your own quality concrete in rural areas or greenfields sites means cutting down the costs and logistics involved in transporting ready mixed product." These hydraulically-operated, standalone machines are able to scoop, load, mix, transport and place concrete independently, while being operated by a single person. They are also easy to manoeuvre, making them suitable for the concrete lining of canals and tunnels, road works, building construction sites, low cost housing sites and other infrastructure projects.