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BeA Heightens Production Levels of Land Reinforcements

BeA Fastening Systems Limited, the UK's largest supplier of collated industrial fastenings, has just joined forces with Hy-Ten, supplier of concrete reinforcing and construction materials, in a deal which is set to revolutionise the working practices and profitability of fencing and construction contractors.

BeA has exclusively designed and developed bespoke manual and pneumatic clipping tools and stainless steel Vertex clips for use during the production of gabion boxes, widely used in the construction industry as soil retention barriers and land reinforcements. The very fact that Hy-Ten, the sole distributor of Bamtec products has already supplied over 100 systems to the UK and export markets is testament to its potential industry-wide.

The new fastening system effectively secures the welded mesh panels together to form the metal basket. The option of a manual system provides enormous flexibility and convenience where production is concerned, as the gabions can be constructed on site, which saves time and reduces costly transportation and handling charges.

In addition, the deal will also facilitate the supply of manual and pneumatic tools and Vertex clips to fencing contractors, for chain link fencing construction which forms the boundaries for the likes of transport networks, construction sites, and education and healthcare establishments. The proven fastening system, which has been tried and tested by The Ministry of Transport, secures the chain link fence to the posts. Pneumatic tools are available for speed and efficiency, whilst manual tools can be supplied when off site construction is required.

Furthermore, the lightweight tools have been engineered to offer maximum operator-friendly features and make the most of advanced design. They weigh approximately one third of most tools currently used by UK manufacturers, which makes them easy-to-use and reduces operator fatigue, which eventually leads to loss of production.

The new tools are compatible with the Vertex clip, which is ingenious in its own right and boasts a host of features which will only benefit the industry. The Vertex clips are hassle-free and easy and safe to use because they don't break apart during handling.

"BeA has introduced a totally new concept which has already had a major impact on the industry," commented Paul Nichols, branch manager, Hy-Ten. "The clips are collated with plastic which offers significant advantages over taped clips. They have a longer shelf life and the quality and durability of the Vertex plastic cords are not affected by environmental changes so they can be used on site in wet weather, which increases productivity levels. Previously, damp conditions rendered fasteners collated with tape useless."

Furthermore, because the clips are joined with plastic, they are tangle resistant, smooth to load and leave no residue on the tools, which eliminates time-wasting tool jams. The tools will work effectively without interruption and require fewer replacement driver blades.

BeA Fastening Systems Limited is at the forefront of fastening applications, with a comprehensive range of products that are lightweight, accurate, easy-to-use, reliable, weight balanced around the trigger, not to mention easy-to-load. The company is renowned when it comes to product performance and longevity.

For literature and pricing information on the complete range of equipment and materials available from BeA contact the sales office on 0800 0935154 or visit www.bea.uk.com for further details.

Images are available on request.

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Note to Editors

- Hy-Ten is a major distributor of industrial welded mesh, security fencing, gabions and other reinforcement products and an exclusive manufacturer and supplier of Bamtec – concrete slab reinforcement that comes in rolls.