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## ISEGEN SA – Leading the way in environmental management

ISEGEN South Africa, one of the first 10 businesses to obtain ISO 14001 accreditation, is streaks ahead when it comes to complying with international environmental management standards.

Isegen managing director Robert Fowlds said the company obtained the ISO 14001 certification from the SABS in 1998 and had not looked back on the road to meeting its responsibilities to ensure a cleaner environment. The company has added further milestones to its green journey and is now also busy with a project to generate its own electricity on site.

Said Fowlds: "After a decade of commitment to the environment,

employees and to the public, ISEGEN remains proud to be a significant contributor to a cleaner environment. Some of the major achievements include the replacement of benzene with butane in production, obtaining Silver in the KZN IWMSA Waste Management Award competition, and reducing historical ground contamination to negligible levels. Plans to convert oil firing burners to gas burners are currently in progress.

"We are now also looking at a joint venture of co-generation to generate electricity on the site. We plan to generate one megawatt of power per day, reducing our reliance on Eskom and putting us

in a position to sell back to the Eskom grid."

Isegen manufactures food ingredients, raw materials for the resin and paint industry, and plasticisers for the PVC industry. The company employs 166 people nationally at its three plants in Isipingo and Umgeni in KwaZulu Natal and in Johannesburg.

We service 21 sectors of industry from footwear and food to the motor and piping industries. We have always subscribed to ISO 14001 and as a manufacturer of products for the food industry we are regularly audited by the multi-national companies we supply and we are also HACCP accredited, Fowlds said.



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