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MEET OUR

Quality Control Specialists

AT STEEL PLATE SOLUTIONS, QUALITY IS NOT ONLY CHECKED AT THE END OF PRODUCTION – IT IS MONITORED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS.

Behind this important system is the SHEQ team, working daily to ensure products meet customer requirements before they leave our doors.

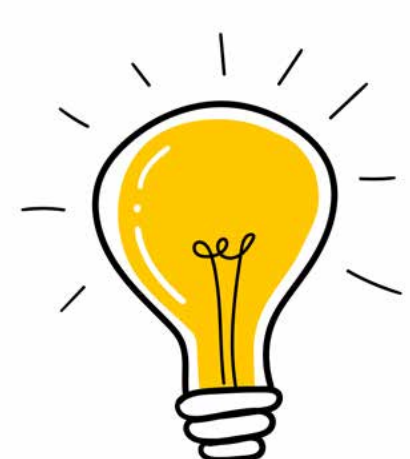
This month, we caught up with Jean Slabbert from the SHEQ department to learn more about the people and systems helping maintain SPS's quality standards.



Meet Jean Slabbert

Jean joined SPS 7 years ago after previously working in safety and quality roles within the steel industry.

After assisting SPS with Quality Project Data Files through his own consulting business, he became part of the Richards Bay team and has been involved in continuously improving safety and quality processes ever since.



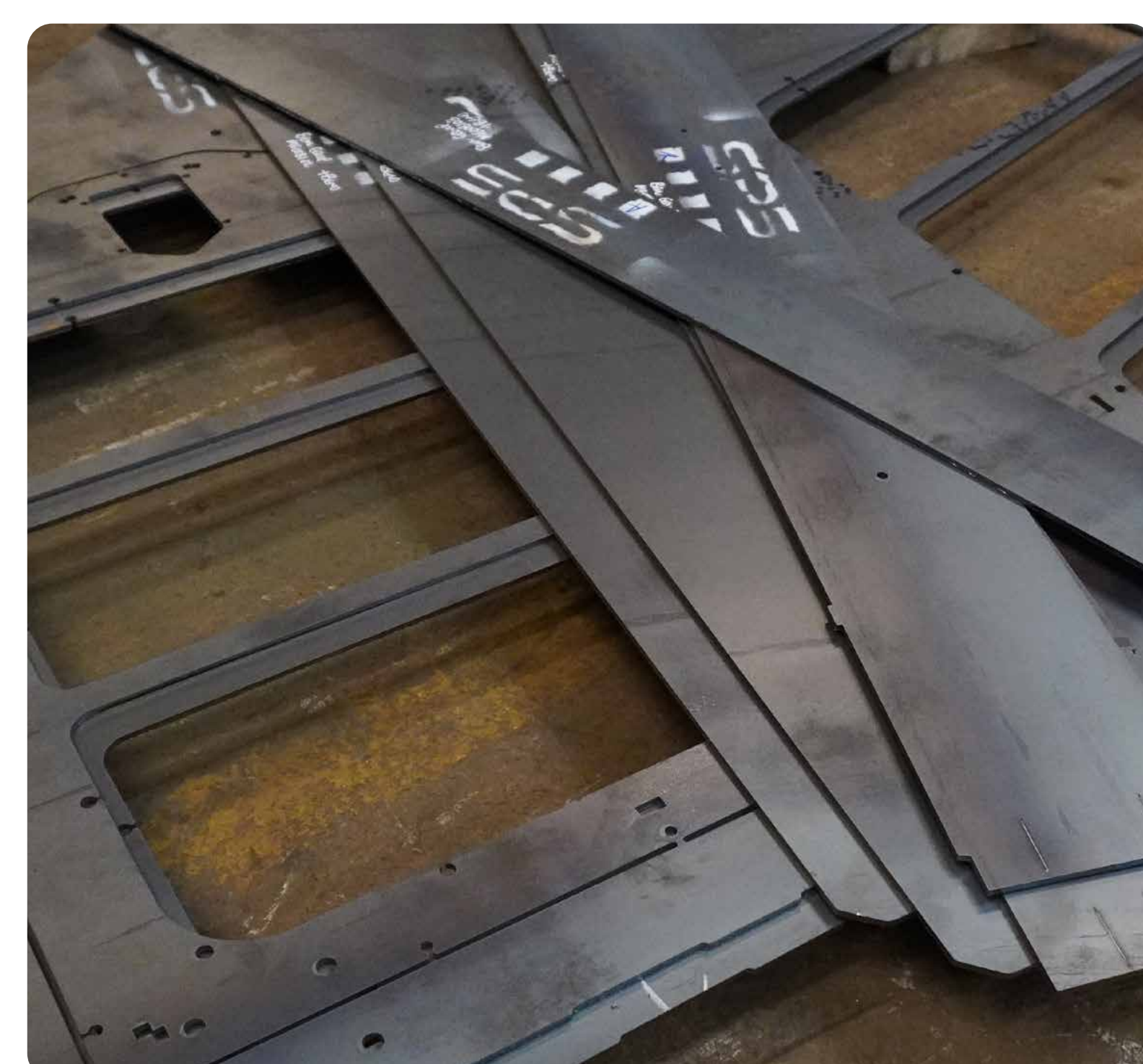
Working alongside Jean are Muntukabongwa “MTN” Mlambo and Musa Mdletshe, who play a key role in managing SPS’s in-process quality control system.

Their responsibilities go far beyond final inspections. Throughout production, they perform quality checks at different stages to ensure all customer specifications and requirements are met before products move to the next phase.



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Our in-process quality inspection procedure ensures that products are checked at each key stage, from cutting through to value-added processing such as bending, chamfering and rolling



From Left: Muntukabongwa “MTN” Mlambo, Jean Slabbert and Musa Mdletshe

HOW OUR IN-PROCESS Quality Control Works

As part of SPS's commitment toward achieving ISO 9001 Quality Management certification, the company introduced its "In Process Quality Inspection Procedure."

The system is designed to ensure products are checked throughout every stage of production rather than only at dispatch.

Each production stage includes a sign-off process where operators confirm that all criteria and specifications have been met before the product moves forward. This includes stages of processing such as:

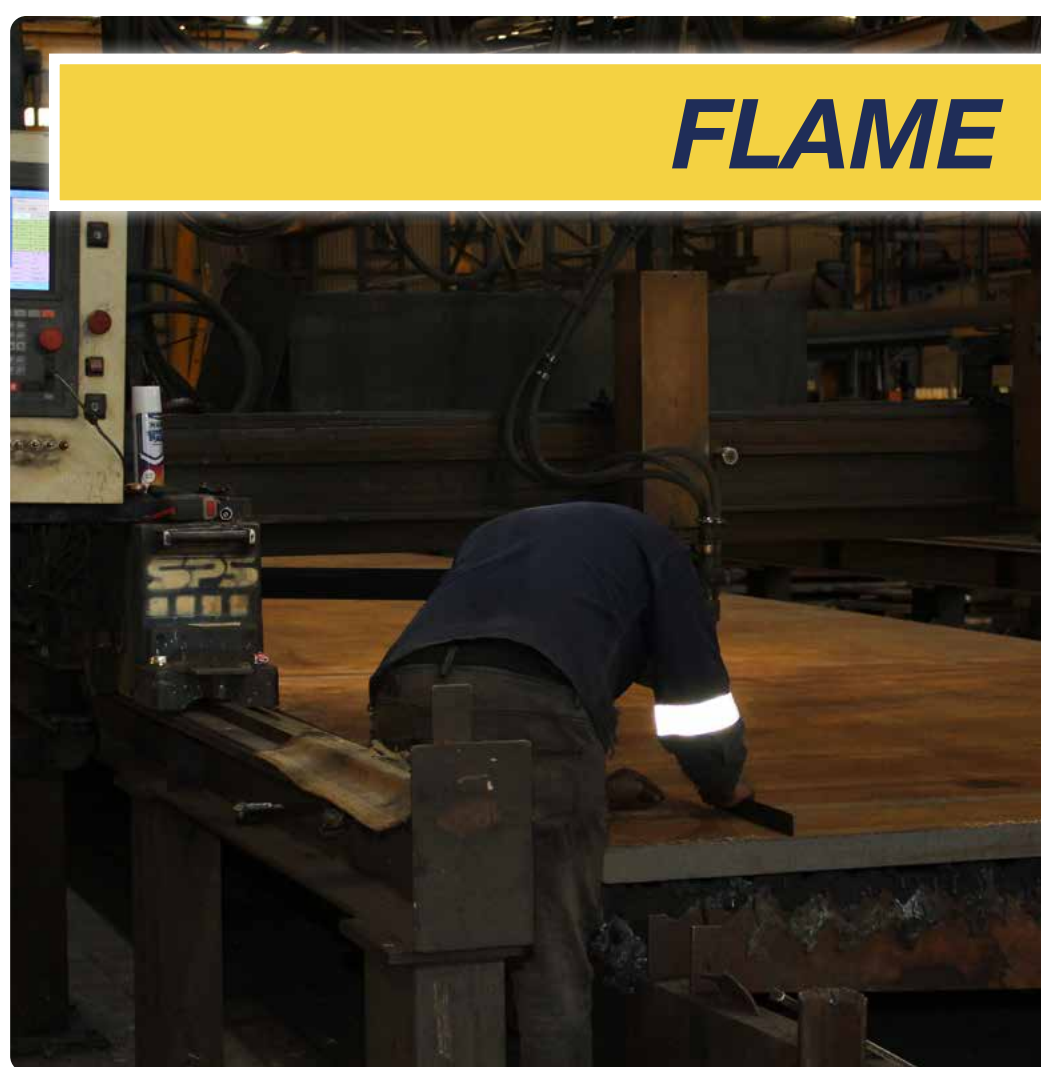
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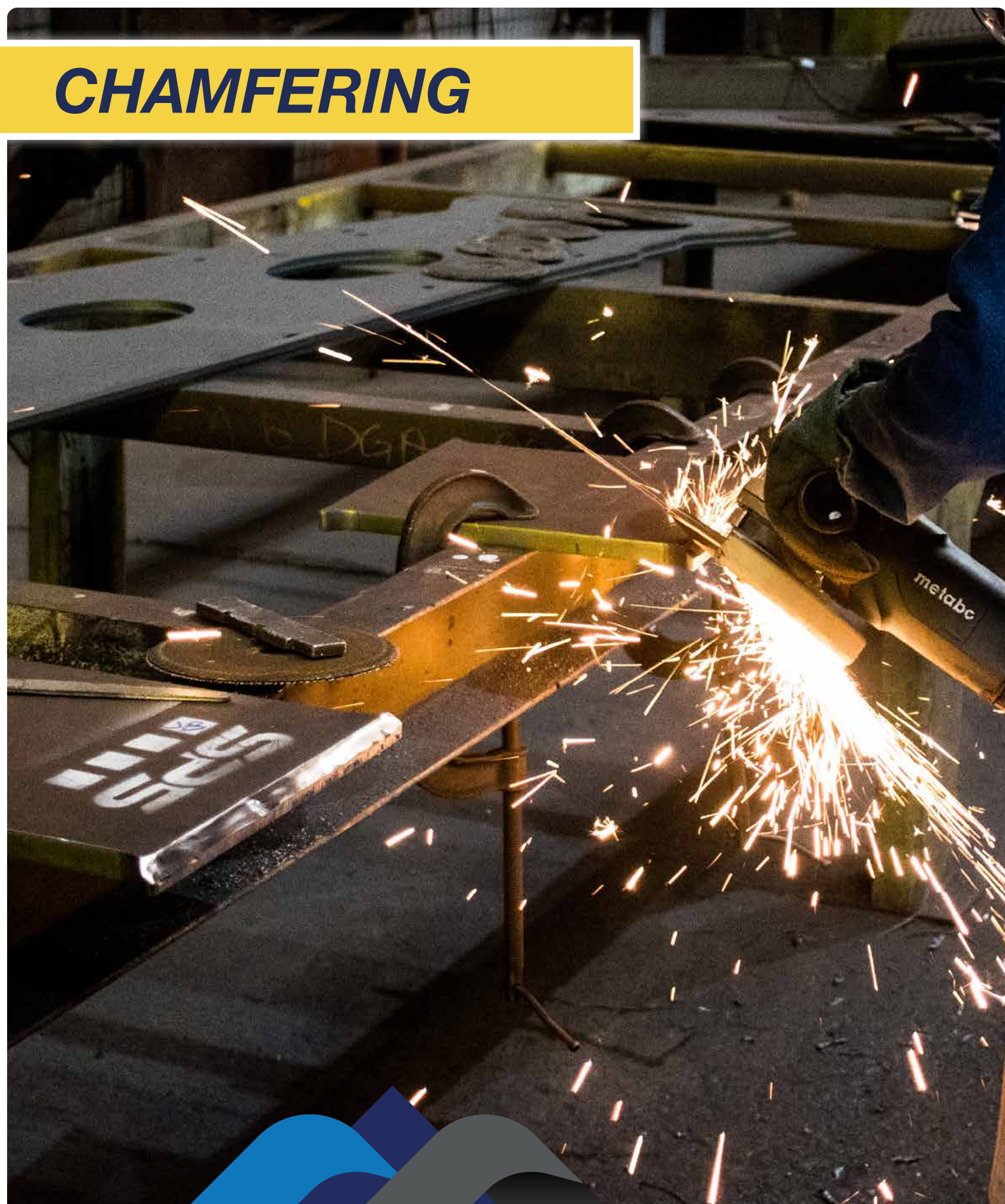
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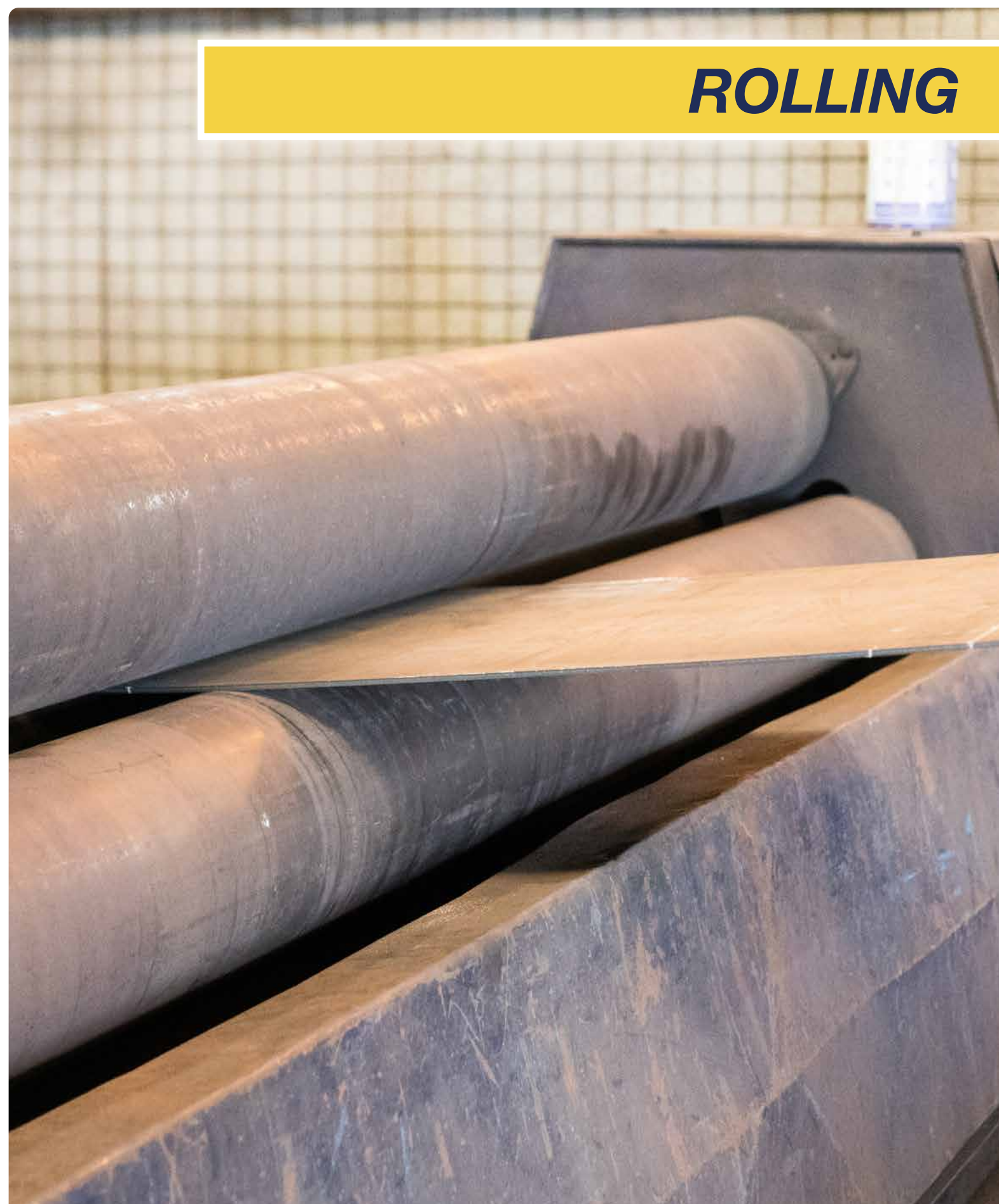
BENDING



CHAMFERING



ROLLING



Every completed sign-off represents accountability, traceability, and confirmation that the product conforms to our customer requirements.

According to Jean, one of the biggest quality risks in manufacturing is human error. By implementing structured systems, regular checks, and continuous employee training, SPS works to minimise these risks and maintain consistent quality standards.

More than just inspections

The SHEQ department also works closely with workshop and production teams daily, assisting with problem solving, corrective actions, safety inspections, and process improvements.

Jean describes the department as a support system for the entire operation, helping ensure both employees and customers can have confidence in the work leaving SPS.

His message to the team is simple:

"Safety and Quality is a team effort and everyone's responsibility."



Jean Slabbert
SHEQ Manager

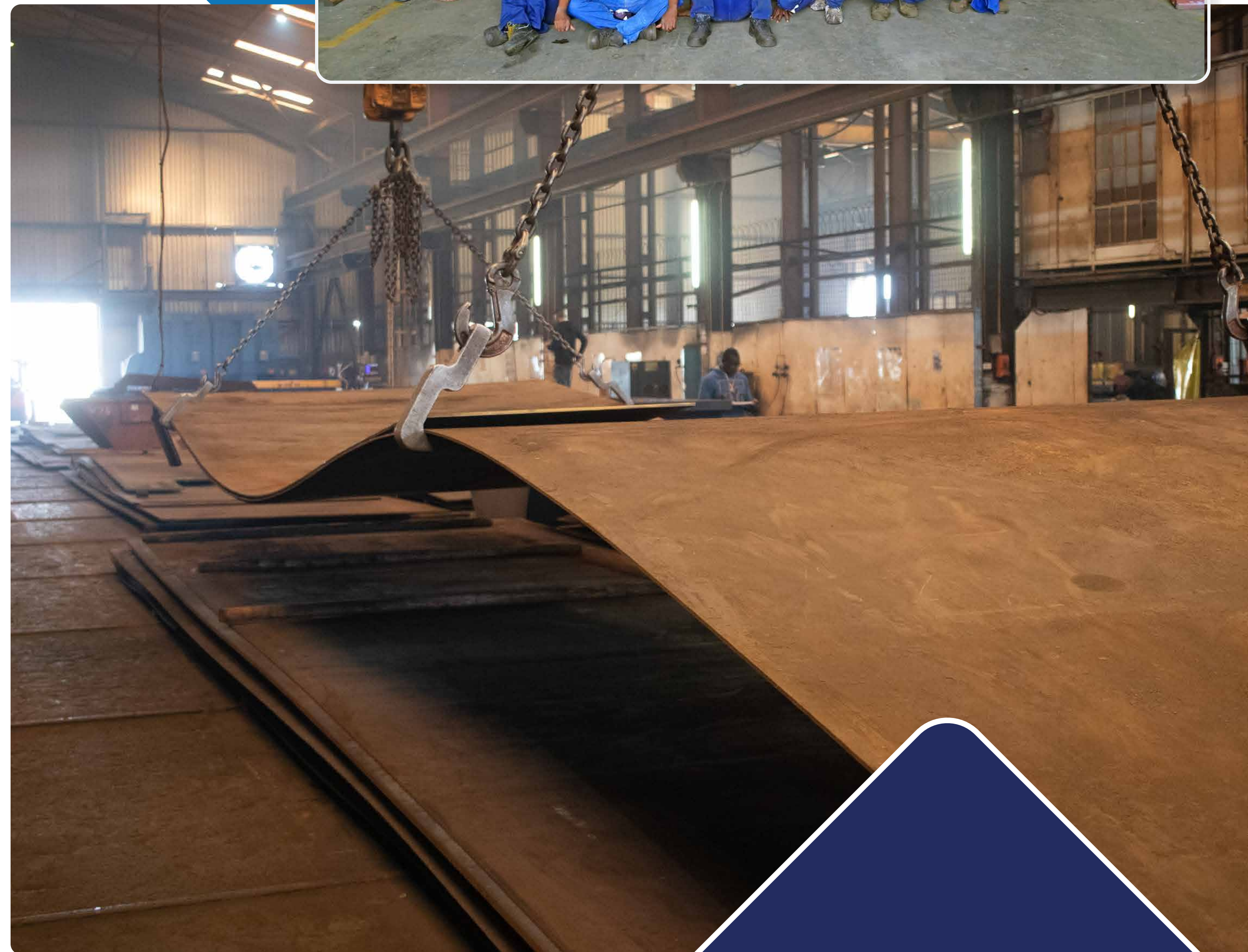
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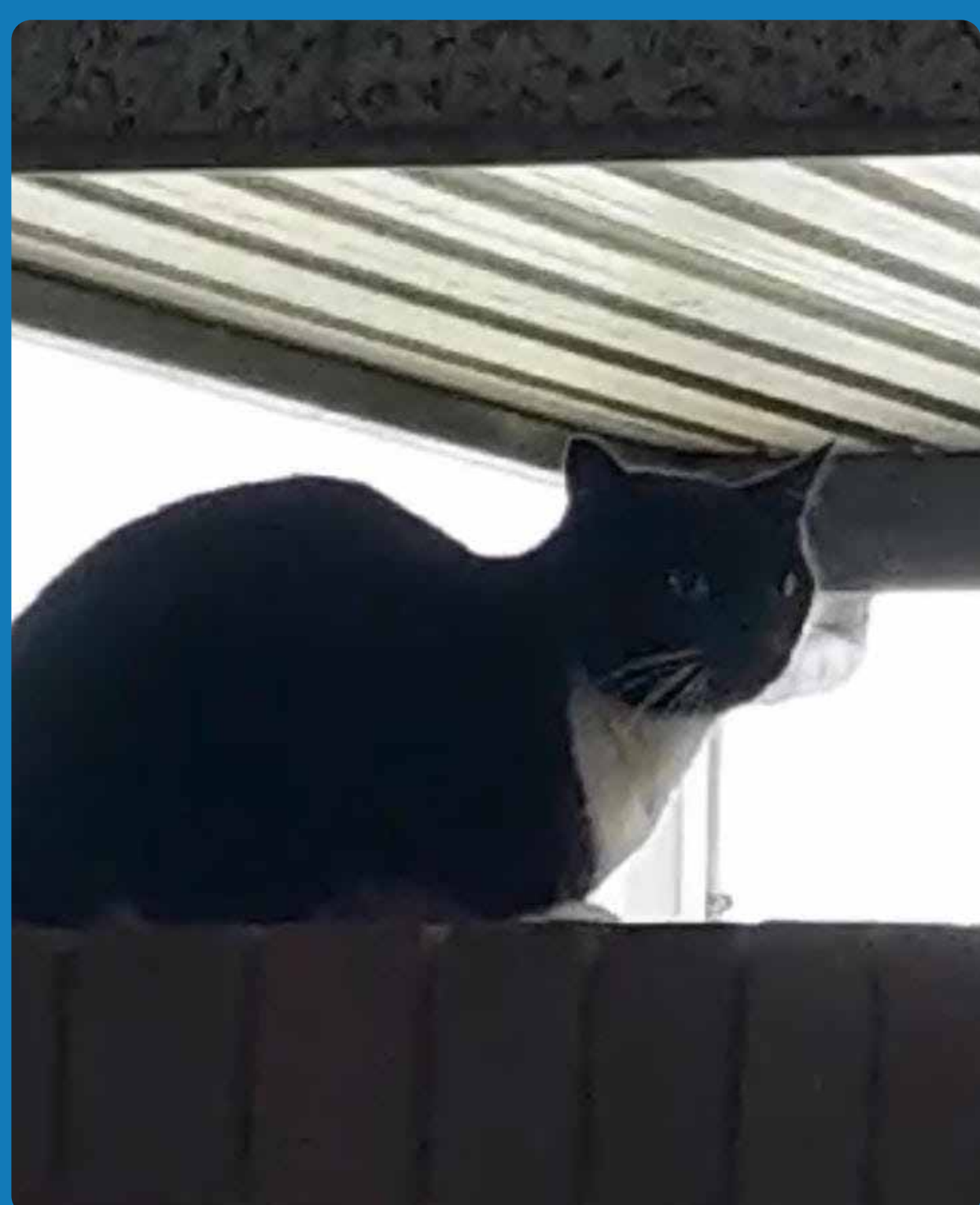
OVER
1200 TONS
sold per month



We are proud to look after 8 cats at our SPS Richards Bay offices. They have been a part of the SPS family since the very beginning. They each have their own names and personalities! We love them all.

Thank you to Hanneke and Kiara for taking care of them!

CAT COLONY
based at our SPS
Richards Bay branch



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

A highlight on some things we've worked on!

Richards Bay Project Showcase

We're proud to say that these jobs have come out of our Richards Bay workshop.

The two photos to the right of this paragraph are skips manufactured using S355J2+N material supplied by SPS. These skips are used on off-shore oil rigs. The project included sourcing the material, cutting and bending.

A big thank you to our customers for your support and trusting us with your project work.

Another exciting project we've worked on are seen below with specialized cargo carrying units used on off-shore rigs to move equipment.

If you need project work done - from sourcing to processing, we would love to assist you.

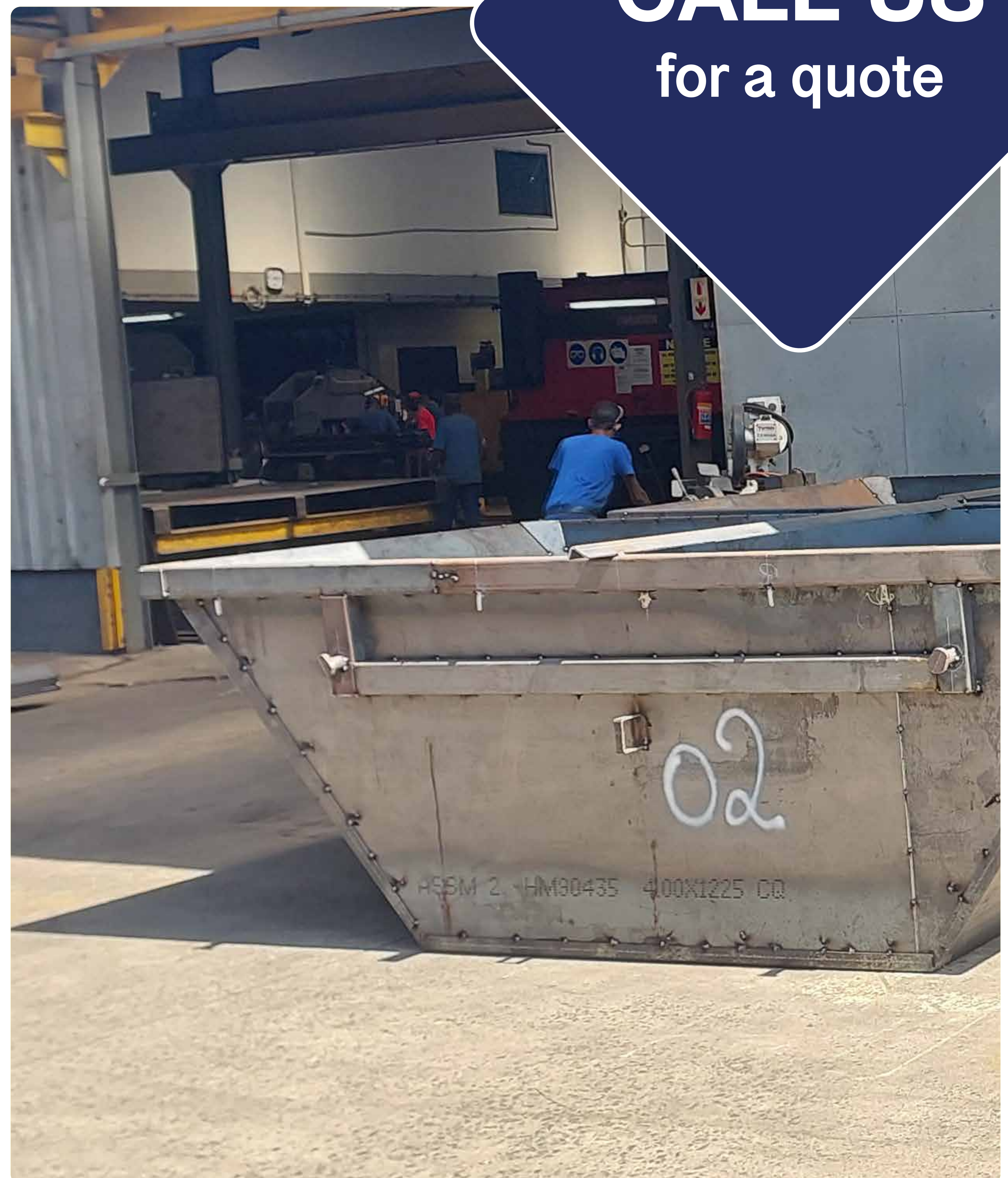
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Specialised cargo carrying units used on off-shore rigs



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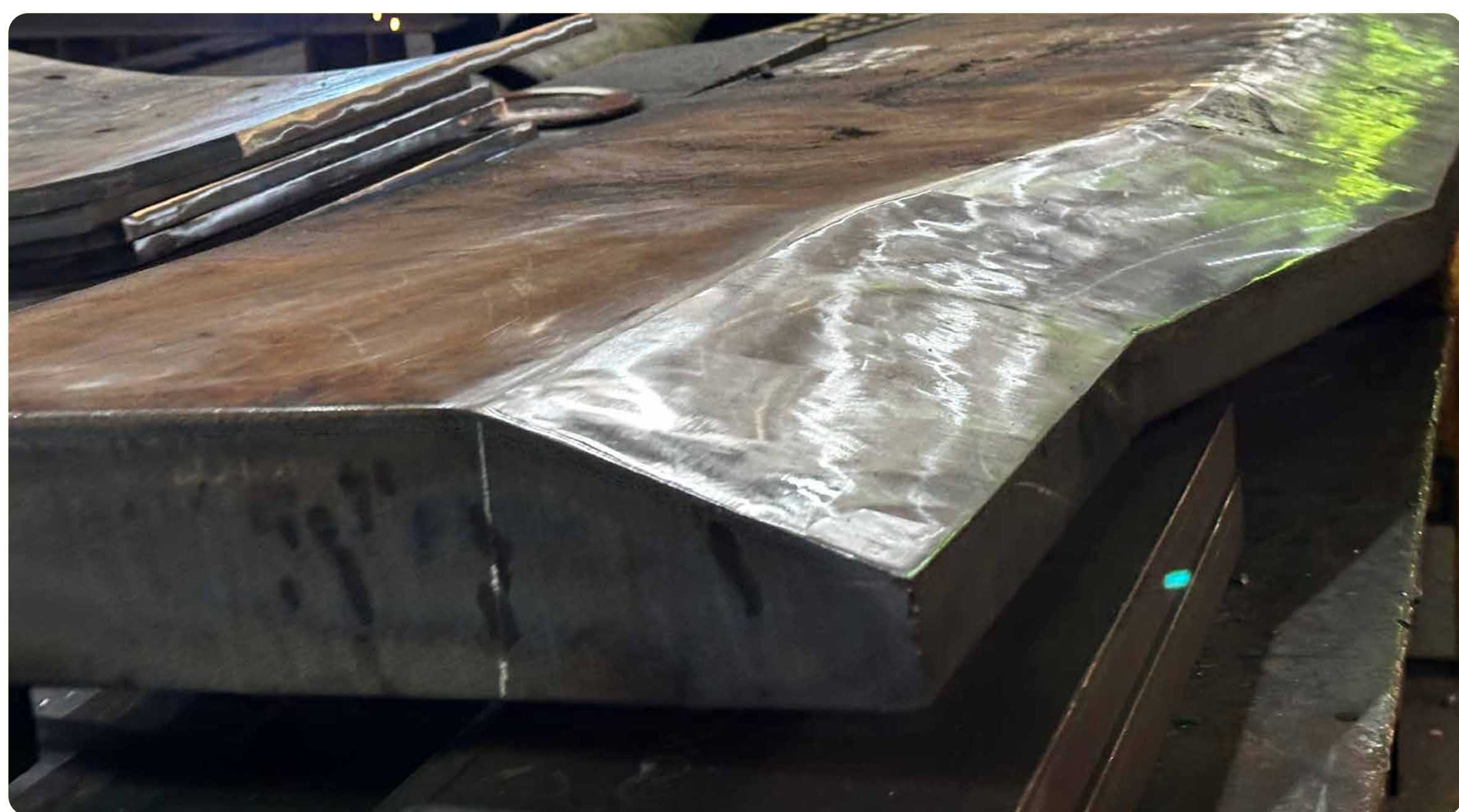
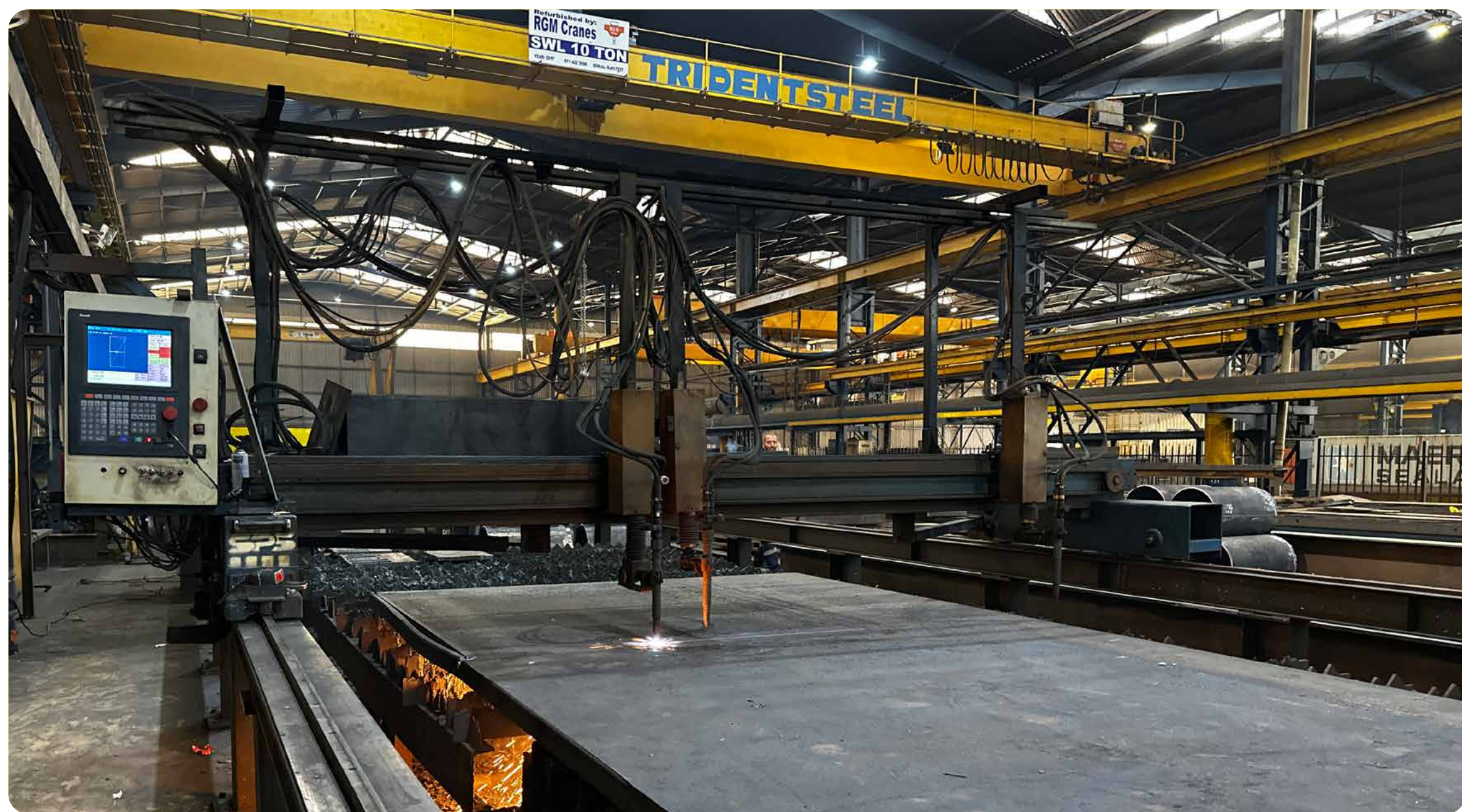
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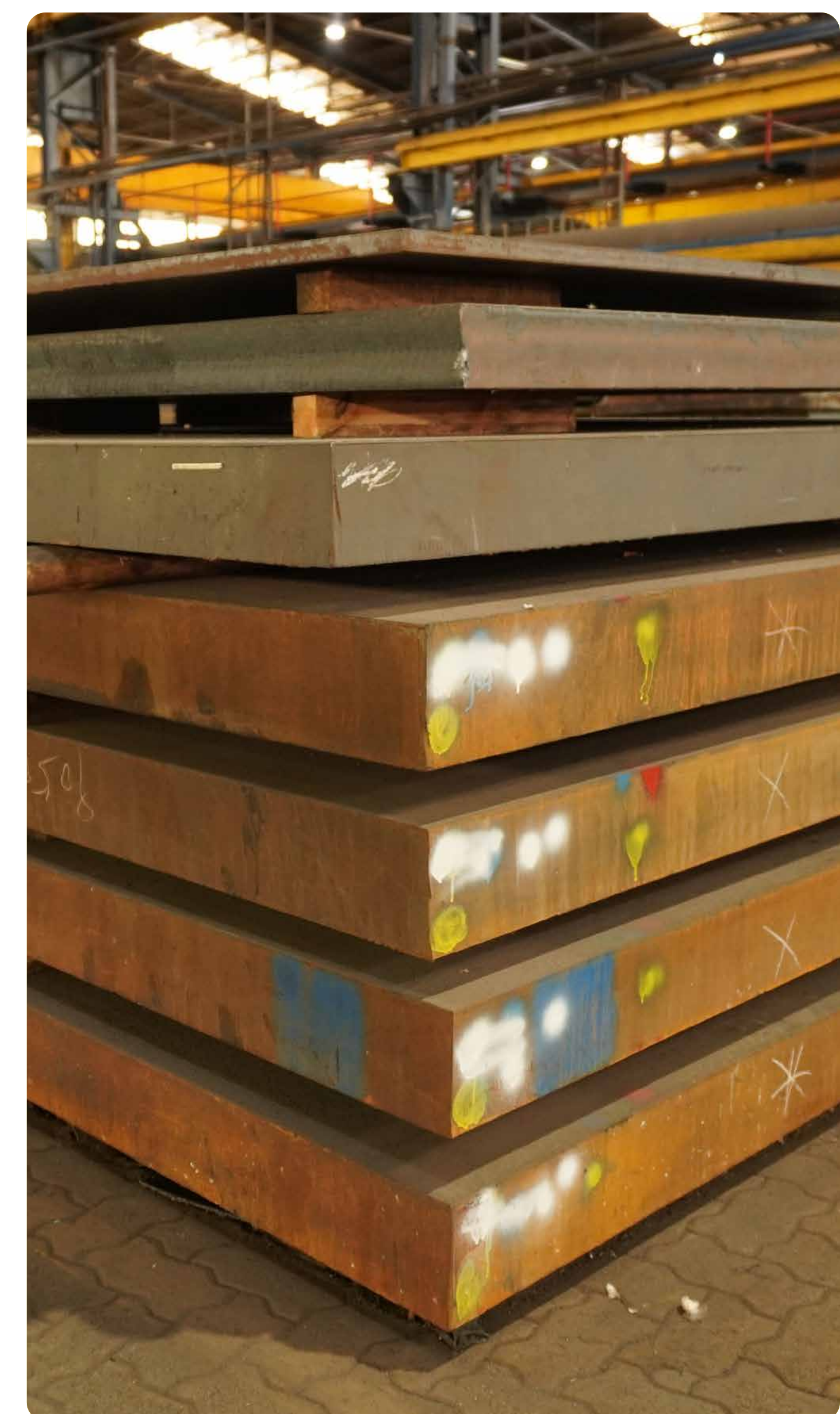
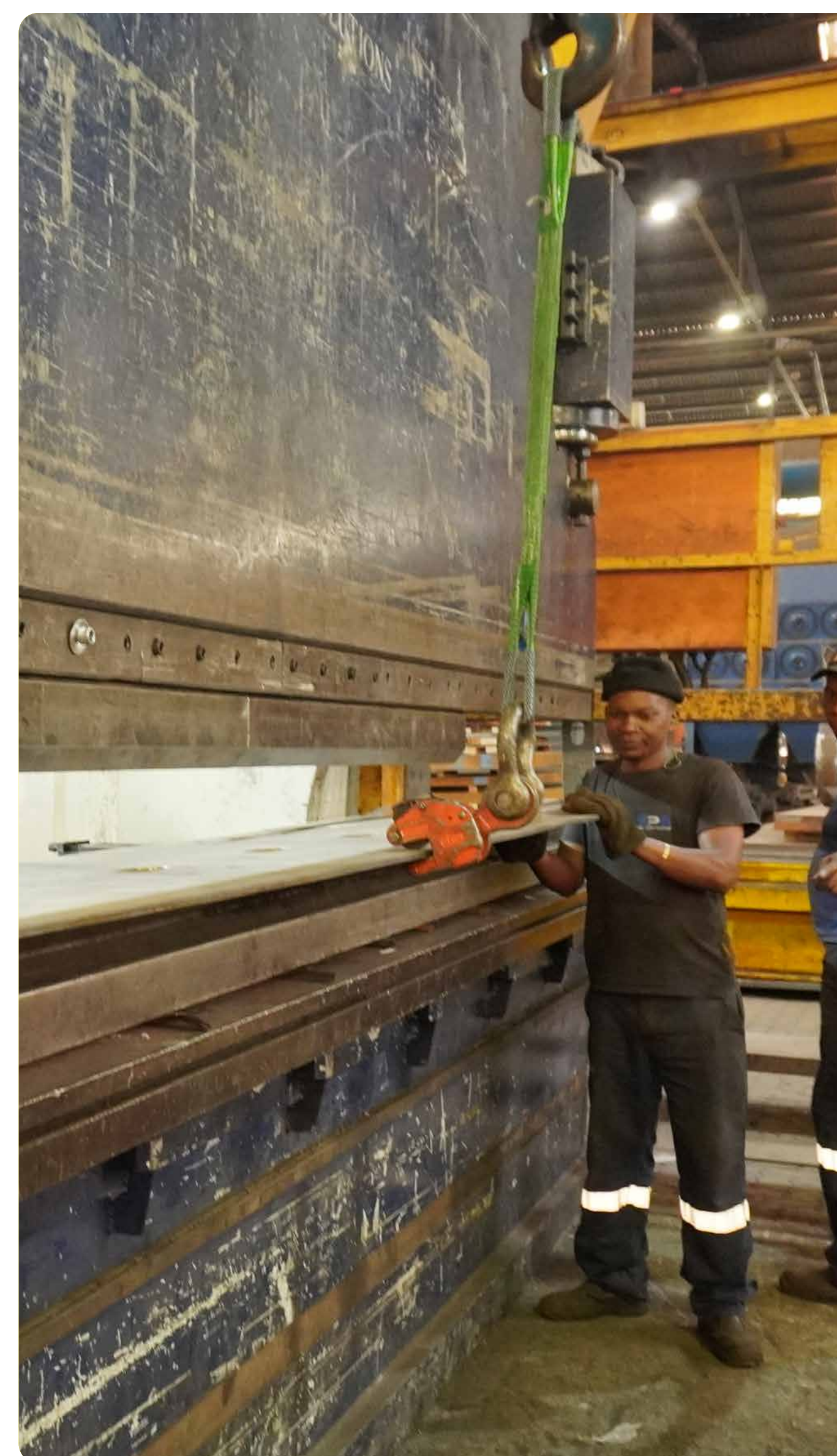
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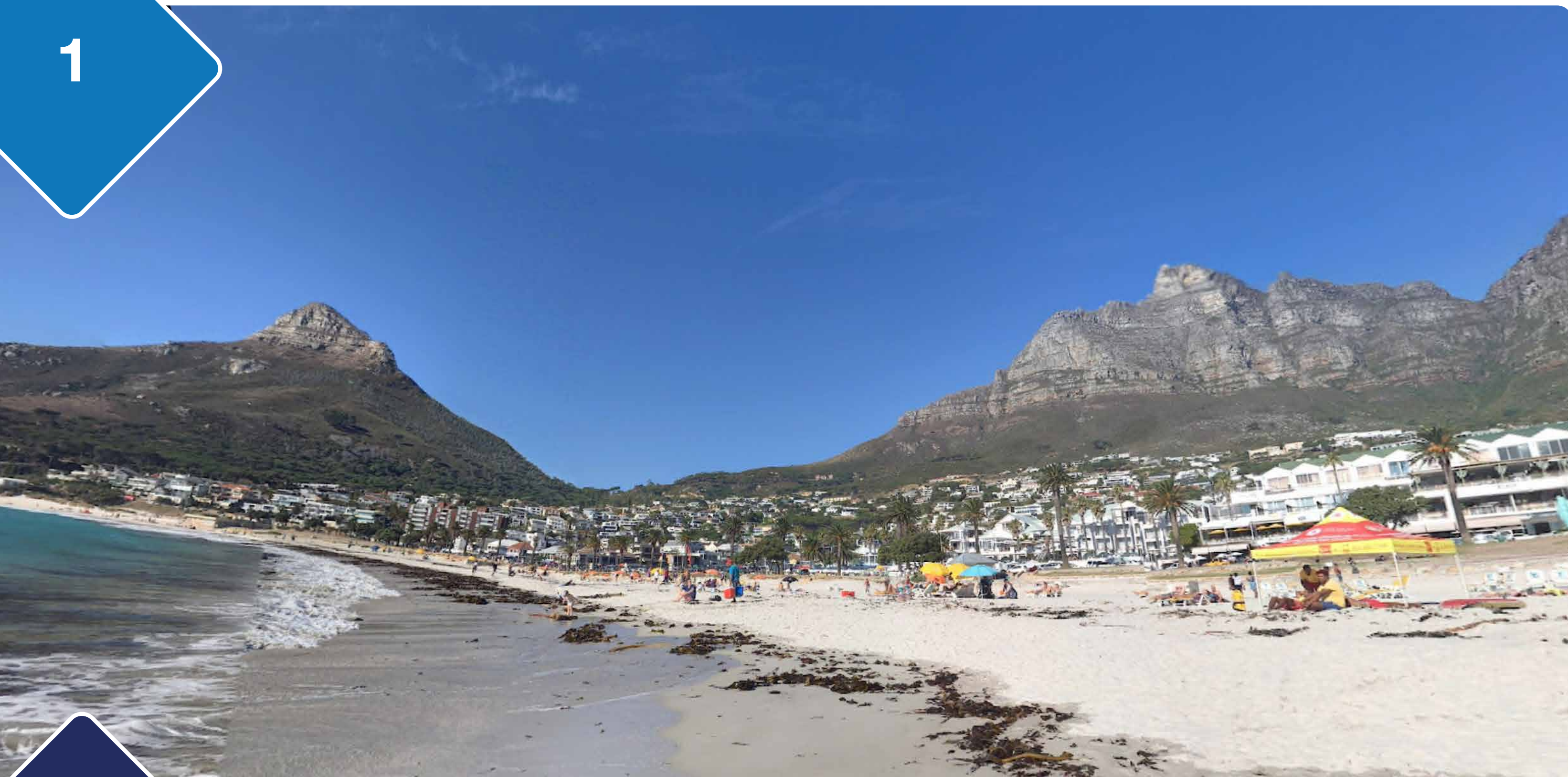


How well do you know SA?

Let's see if you can guess where this is in our beautiful country of South Africa...

Our country is filled with some truly beautiful places, from winding mountain passes and quiet little towns to incredible coastal views and hidden scenic gems. I found a few landscape photos from around South Africa on Google Maps and thought it would be fun to see how many you can recognise.

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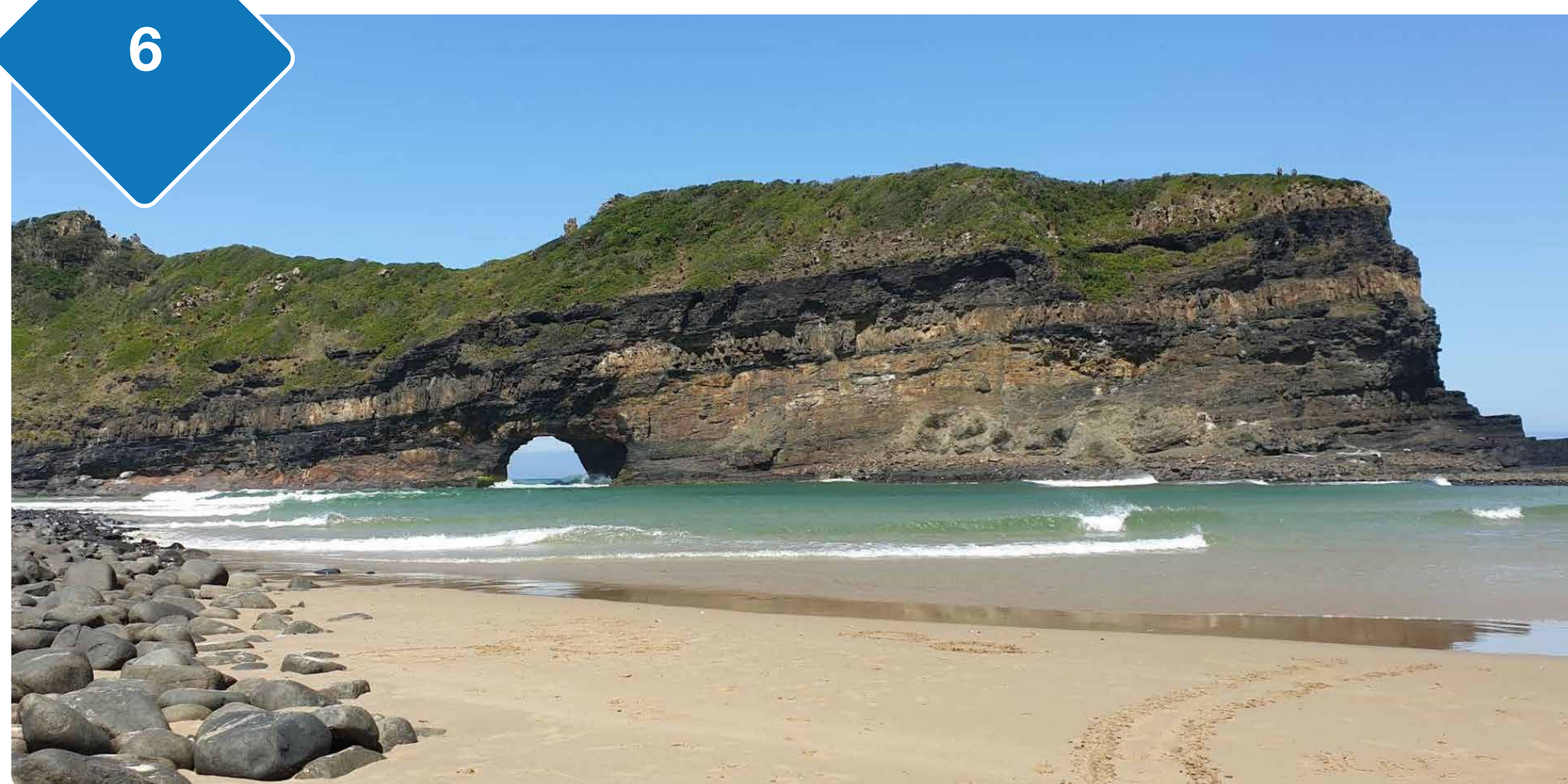
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Answers: 1. Camps Bay Beach, Western Cape. 2. Colesburg, Northern Cape. 3. Piggly Wiggly / St Ives, Midlands. 4. Parkhurst, Johannesburg. 5. White River, Mpumalanga. 6. Hole in the Wall, Wild Coast, Eastern Cape

Easy 30 day bran muffins!

This is such an amazing recipe, which we've used time and time again.

It is super simple, and the best part about it is that it can be stored in a tupperware (airtight container) in the fridge for up to 30 days, and used as needed. Very handy, very easy and absolutely delicious!

I sadly cannot take the credit for this recipe, it is Snowflake's recipe and an age old winner! Thank you Snowflake.

Method

1. Sift cake flour, nutty wheat, bicarbonate of soda and salt together. Add bran left behind in sieve. Add digestive bran, sugar, fruit cake mix and dates.
2. Whisk eggs, milk, oil and essence together. Add to dry ingredients and mix lightly until just combined. Do not over-mix; mixture should still be lumpy.
3. Spoon mixture into greased muffin pans, filling each two-thirds full. Bake in a preheated oven at 180 °C for 20 - 25 minutes, until done and golden brown. Turn out onto wire racks to cool. Serve warm with butter.



as easy as 1, 2, 3...



too fresh to flop

Ingredients

250ml (140 g) nutty wheat
10ml bicarbonate of soda
5ml salt
500ml (90 g) digestive bran
375ml (300 g) soft brown sugar
250ml (150 g) dried fruit cake mix
125g pitted dates, finely chopped
500ml milk
125ml cooking oil
5ml vanilla essence
2ml extra-large eggs
375ml Cake Flour

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Serves: Makes 24
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