

Growing interest in refrigeration expo

Africa's refrigeration needs form the key focus of the Refrigeration and Air-conditioning (RAC) Africa 2014 exhibition, which provides a massive networking platform for manufacturers, suppliers and buyers to connect with potential partners and explore new African markets.



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This is according to John Thomson of Exhibition Management Services (EMS), organisers of RAC Africa. RAC 2014 is a component of the four-part Cape Industries Showcase Expo, taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 2-4 July 2014.

A number of leading refrigeration companies have indicated that they will exhibit at the expo. Local refrigeration and air-conditioning specialist STS-Ref Air is a first-time exhibitor at RAC, and recently became the sole distributor of Snowkey ice machines made by Fujian Snowman in Japan.

"We will be displaying the full range of Snowkey machines which include tube ice and flake ice machines; the latter units are ideal for fisheries, food processing, concrete cooling, artificial snowfields, medical applications and fresh food preservation," says Jackie Strydom, financial and marketing manager at STS-Ref Air.

Humidity control systems

First-time exhibitor Ultimate Air Solutions specialises in the installation of humidity enhancement equipment in storage and processing spaces. The company will showcase its Optiguide humidity control systems and also launch its innovative fruit ripening systems at this year's RAC show. The Optiguide fruit ripening system produces a very stable, high-dry humidity of 95%.

The Optiguide equipment produces a uniform 'dry fog' to provide reliable, cost-effective, low energy humidity control, says managing director Johann Murray.

The German Development Agency (GIZ) will present its Transport Refrigeration Project, aimed at improving development of the transport refrigeration sector in South Africa using innovative, energy-efficient technologies. The project is related to a bigger roof programme called Proklima, which addresses the economic and environmental issues of cooling technologies.

"The Proklima programme promotes ozone and climate-friendly refrigeration, air conditioning and insulation technologies in emerging countries," says GIZ advisor Michael Schuster. "It also facilitates green technology transfer for industry partners through training, qualifications and pilot projects, and also for governments through policy advice and capacity development."