

### **Eskom orders Alcad batteries for back-up power installations across South Africa**

*Eskom has selected Vantex New Generation maintenance-free batteries for power station control centres and substations, where they will replace existing Alcad batteries that have provided service over the past 25 years*

**January 29, 2014** – Alcad, world-leading supplier of battery systems for standby power, is working on a three-year contract (established in 2011) with Eskom, which generates 95 percent of the electricity used in South Africa and 45 percent of the electricity used in Africa, to supply advanced nickel-based batteries for critical back-up power applications.

The contract will see Alkaline Batteries a Division of Actom (Pty) Ltd, Alcad's representative for the Republic of South Africa, supplying thousands of Vantex New Generation batteries for Eskom sites, where they will replace existing Alcad batteries that have provided performance and reliability over the past 25 years. The Vantex New Generation batteries will provide back-up power for control and telecommunications in the dispatch centres at power generation sites and at transmission and distribution substations.

*"This major renewal contract is a tribute to Eskom's confidence in both the reliability and performance of Alcad's nickel-based technology and the excellent service support we have provided over 25 years,"* said Peter Eriksson, Alcad Managing Director. *"With the maintenance-free Vantex New Generation batteries assembled locally and supported by Alkaline Batteries we look forward to supplying Eskom with a cost effective battery systems whilst contributing towards their commitment to supporting B-BBEE (Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment) procurement."*

Alcad Vantex New Generation batteries are purpose designed to provide back-up power in industrial stationary applications. They are based on the same robust construction and unique electrochemistry that have enabled Vantex batteries to establish an unrivalled track record for reliability and long life. The key difference is that the Vantex New Generation is maintenance-free under normal operation, ensuring an optimized total cost of ownership (TCO), as well as being easy to handle and install.

#### **About Alcad**

Alcad ([www.alcad.com](http://www.alcad.com)) has long been recognized as one of the world's leading suppliers of standby power thanks to its extensive range of battery types, all designed to deliver power, safety and reliability. Alcad's unrivaled advantages: reliable cutting-edge technology products, global reach of services, uncompromising focus on quality and over a century of experience. Alcad makes the essential task of sizing, ordering and installation easy. Whatever your location, the friendly and responsive after-sales service, the reliable products and Alcad's motivated and enthusiastic team support you from the start with an uncompromising focus on quality. Alcad's production sites benefit from over a century of knowledge and experience in nickel-cadmium battery production to supply today's global advanced technology battery market.

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