**GARY CLENCH JOINS NORMET AFRICA**

We are pleased to announce that Gary Clench will be joining Normet Africa (Pty) Ltd as from 19th March 2012 to head up the South African operation of Normet.

Gary, a South African, holds a MDP from the Stellenbosch University, a CPIM through the American Production and Inventory Control Institute as well as a marketing diploma through The SAIMM. Gary has been in various roles at OEM suppliers in South Africa most recent being Underground Sales Manager for Caterpillar mining products covering capital equipment, aftermarket and rebuilds of soft rock equipment. He has been involved in various hard rock and soft rock OEM’s for the last 36 years.

Working for Normet Africa , Gary will travel extensively in sub Saharan Africa to support the further growth and development of Normet’s and TAM International business in Africa

Gary reports to Ian Northcroft, Sub-Regional Manager UK, Middle East & Africa

**About Normet**

Normet is a globally operating and fast growing Finnish technology company. It provides advanced solutions for selected customer processes in underground mining and tunnel construction environments. The Group develops, manufactures and markets machines as well as construction chemicals for underground processes such as tunnel support by mobile robotized concrete spraying, highly mechanized explosive charging and underground logistics. Normet's offering includes a comprehensive range of life time care services around the equipment and around the processes they are used for. Normet is the global market leader in its market segment. Normet has its own sales and service companies in 5 continents, 20 countries and 28 locations. The Group’s Net sales in 2011 was EUR 170 million. Normet currently employs over 700 business professionals.

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