

The assignment

Kraatz has been awarded a project to assemble and install pressure piping for Mi-Swaco (A Schlumberger company) in the Luederitz port. Kraatz was directly supervised by the client on site. The Drilling fluid facility is also known to be a “mud plant” and is supplying the drill rigs with the correct chemical composition of the drilling fluid. This is used to drill the “holes” in the oil exploration process.

Getting the job done

Upon award, just before Christmas, Kraatz mobilized immediately, bringing to site a containerized setup containing the correct equipment. The work was attended to by a specialized team of pipe fitters and welders who were prepared to work right through Christmas and New Year. Upon completion of the installation all piping was tested by means of a hydrostatic pressure test and subsequently confirmation was received that quality requirements were met.

Key learnings

If you deliver well on a job you will stand the best chance to be awarded another job by the same client. Creating confidence within the client does matter !

This being said, Kraatz was awarded the same scope of work by the same client in Mozambique, just a few weeks later.



Figure 1 - Tanks installed in position, piping connected



Figure 2 – Assembly and welding of pipes



Figure 3 – Completed plant