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Mobilising business to combat white-collar crime in South Africa

The incidence of commercial crime in South Africa has grown to alarming proportions and has become a plague affecting the economy. Not only does the current state of affairs alarm potential investors, it strongly dissuades them from investing in the country. Similarly, the losses experienced by commerce and industry rapidly filter through to consumers in the price of goods and services, where such losses are eventually recouped.

"The problem of crime in general cannot be dealt with adequately by the authorities alone," says Mark Pinington, Managing Director of Deloitte & Touche Forensic Services (Pty) Ltd. "In the commercial crime area, input has been given by Business Against Crime (BAC), in co-operation with the authorities, through the identification of blockages in the criminal justice system and the development of solutions," he says.

The formation of BAC was born from a desire to help government address the increasing incidence of crime. Pinington, who serves on the Commercial Crime Working Group of Business Against Crime in his personal capacity, adds: "BAC has placed the business community in its rightful role alongside the authorities by implementing proactive and positive strategies. The input and success of the BAC initiative has been noticed in local and business communities alike."

The BAC's Commercial Crime Working Group has undertaken the following projects, in co-operation with government, during the past year:

- The production of a guideline booklet on developing a fraud response plan for commercial and government organisations that has been widely distributed in the public and private sectors.
- The production of a charter of ethics to be subscribed to by commercial and government entities alike.
- An investigation and report-back on key blockages in the criminal justice system and suggested solutions to these blockages.

Deloitte & Touche is committed as an organisation to assisting in the reduction of crime in South Africa and through its forensic services team, advises commercial organisations and government on crime prevention and detection strategies and processes. As part of this initiative, Deloitte & Touche forensic division have put together the following guidelines for the workplace for use by organisations:

- Employees, managers and customers of businesses and state enterprises are usually the most alert to signs of commercial crime and are also in the best position to act as watchdogs. Individuals therefore need to be proactive in communicating their observations to senior management who will then be in a position to investigate any irregularities.
- Employee awareness of potential fraud in the workplace can be improved by setting up small workgroups in each division to pinpoint how and where the business may be susceptible to fraud. This will assist in early detection and prevention as well as give a fraud profile of the business.
- Staff and clients must be encouraged to report suspicions of fraud. The organisation's attitude to fraud should be clearly defined in a fraud policy which should also identify a risk manager to whom individuals may report suspicions confidentially.

Pinington maintains that, "Pro-active initiatives, such as BAC, are role models for the partnerships that can be established between the public and private sectors in combatting crime of all types in South Africa. It is only with this focused approach to crime prevention and control that we have a chance of reversing the major damage caused to the economy by unchecked crime."

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The new RSi 20-valve Corolla

Toyota extends range High-tech Corolla balances price and performance

Toyota South Africa has announced the addition of the RSi 20-valve to its extensive new Corolla range. This new, high-tech performance model from Toyota sets new standards of engine refinement in the light car class in South Africa.

"The development of the Corolla RSi 20-valve has been an exciting programme for us," says Colin Downie, Toyota's Engineering Director. "This is the first time that Toyota Motor Corporation has released the 20-valve 4A-GE engine outside of Japan. Another unique aspect of the programme is that this engine option is available for Corolla only in South Africa. It is not even offered in the Corolla sedan in Japan, but is reserved for the Corolla Levin and Sprinter Trueno coupes.

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Fixing exhausts Easy to use repair kit



The Exhaust Pipe Repair Kit facilitates the economical repair of exhausts with the minimum of inconvenience and downtime

A cost effective exhaust pipe repair kit suitable for patching small rust and other holes in both exhaust pipes and silencer boxes is now available.

Extremely easy to use, the Exhaust Pipe Repair Kit facilitates the economical repair of exhaust systems with the minimum of inconvenience and downtime.

No mixing, measuring, waiting or clean up is needed when using this innovative system. The fibreglass cloth is resin impregnated prior to packaging and only activates when immersed in water.

Application of the Exhaust Pipe Repair Kit is a simple process. The kit comprises of sand paper for the cleaning area to be patched, gloves for hand protection and a resin coated bandage that will set within 30 minutes after being applied to the exhaust pipe. The bandage will tolerate up to 300°C.

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Seal for safety

Tyre sealant prevents punctures and extends tread life

Punctures can now be a thing of the past with a locally manufactured tyre sealant, Safeseal.

Safeseal is applied by pumping it through the valve of the tyre and running the vehicle for 10 km to spread it evenly inside the tyre or tube. When a puncture occurs, Safeseal comes into contact with the atmospheric pressure and immediately oxidises, sealing the puncture.

Safeseal is an organic and water soluble product, it will not ball up or offset wheel balance. In fact, it actually enhances wheel balance. Safeseal increases tyre life by up to 25 percent by reducing heat build-up and causing the tyres to run cooler, thereby reducing the possibility of a blow out.



Safeseal is applied by pumping it through the valve of the tyre. It spreads evenly inside the tyre or tube by running the vehicle for 10 km

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