

# SABMiller Angola's Advanced Video Surveillance Solution Reduces Losses, Enhances Employee Safety

**B**efore the deployment of a March Networks VideoSphere video surveillance system at a SABMiller Coca Cola bottling plant in Bom Jesus, Angola, 80 kilometres west of Luanda, the country's capital, a truck could leave the plant with 1,000 cases and arrive at its destination with 500.

Figuring out where the other 500 cases went or if they were even loaded onto the truck in the first place was difficult. Now, with a March Networks® video surveillance system monitoring the bottling plant's production facilities, loading dock and perimeter, SABMiller security staff are able to review the video archive and quickly resolve any discrepancies. SABMiller's Angola operations include a brand new \$125 million state-of-the-art soft drink bottling plant and brewery in Funda, 44 kilometres west of Luanda, as well as two bottling plants and brewery in the south and a network of distribution facilities across the country.

The company began operations in Angola in 1995. SABMiller Angola's portfolio includes premium international beers such as Peroni and the locally produced N'Gola. The company decided to upgrade its video surveillance systems to improve employee safety and reduce losses due to theft at its operations, beginning with its Coca-Cola bottling plant in Bom Jesus. Local management turned to March Networks Certified Solution Provider SE-Segurança Electrónica and its general manager Paulo Ricardo to recommend a video surveillance system. "SABMiller had a system in place, but it was very old and not very effective," said Ricardo. "There were several deficiencies. First of all, the cameras were black and white. Second, the recorders only had enough storage for one or two days of video and, third, the cameras weren't installed in the correct locations."

Ricardo spent 11 years working for a security systems distributor in Portugal, but welcomed an opportunity in



2008 to return to his country of birth to head up Segurança Electrónica. The timing for Segurança Electrónica's entry into the market was ideal as peace had come to Angola in 2002 after 27 years of civil war and the country was just beginning to awaken economically. A risk management consultant was hired by SABMiller to assess the company's needs and recommended Segurança Electrónica based on Ricardo's experience and knowledge. "The March Networks solution delivers the reliability our customer needs and scales to enable future expansion or enhancements, including IP camera installations and support for additional analytics capabilities," said Ricardo.

The scalable solution includes video recording platforms, encoders, and intelligent management software that will be used to monitor high-quality video streaming from all sites. It enables staff to remotely monitor the facilities on a 24/7 basis and store video for up to 30 days. Security guards in a monitoring centre at the Bom Jesus plant are able to monitor live video from all areas of the plant, including the loading dock and the building's perimeter. March Networks' video analytics capability figured prominently in SABMiller's decision to go along with Ricardo's recommendation because alerts generated by perimeter



protection analytics would greatly increase the odds of apprehending trespassers and identifying employees attempting to access prohibited areas of the plant.

The company now has the asset protection and security capabilities it required to increase employee safety and

significantly reduce the possibility of intrusion, theft and other fraudulent activity. The next SABMiller site to be equipped with March Networks technology will be the bottling plant and brewery in Funda, for which an IP-based system with analogue cameras, encoders and recorders has been selected.

Johan De Bruin, National Security Manager, SABMiller Angola, said, "The system will enhance our ability to manage and resolve potential security breaches across our property, and ensure that we can focus on our core business and continue to grow our operations."

"We are very pleased to be a part of SABMiller Angola's development efforts in Angola," said Peter Strom, President and CEO, March Networks. "Working with our expert partner Segurança Electrónica, we will deliver the highest levels of support to meet their demanding performance requirements, and continue our focus on strategic expansion in this growing region." **SST**