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ensure continued successful growth of HMC, and also maintain our ability to support our loyal base of customers as the largest PP producer in Southeast Asia."

HMC produces polypropylene mainly for the domestic Thailand, China, Southeast Asia, Indian Subcontinent and Australian markets.

LyondellBasell is a leading licensor of polypropylene and polyethylene technologies with more than 280 polyolefin process licenses globally. HMC Polymers currently operates a Spherizone line and with this addition, HMC becomes the first company in the world with two Spherizone licenses. The polymer company also operates two additional polypropylene lines at its Map Ta Phut site using LyondellBasell's Spheripol technology.

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Brugg Pipesystems: Management change at Brugg Pipesystems UK

Brugg Pipesystems, the leading Swiss and German manufacturer of pre-insulated pipes, has promoted Dean Lowe to Managing Director UK after the retirement of lan Moxom.

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Dean Lowe joined BRUGG in 2016 as Sales and Marketing Director and has a wealth of knowledge within the H&V and Civils sector which he will fit into Brugg Pipesystems' growth plans for the UK.

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From left to right: Andreas Pitschak -Head of International Sales, Brugg Pipesystems, Dean Lowe - Managing Director, Brugg **Pipesystems** UK and Stephan Peters CEO, Brugg **Pipesystems** (Photo: © Brugg Pipesystems)

South Africa: Revenue of plastic pipes and fittings market was 5.4% in 2013-2018

South African plastic pipes and fittings market is expected to witness high growth woing to rising government spending on infrastructure projects according to 100 paged Ken Research report published in April 2019.



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South Africa plastic pipes and fittings market.

Overview and size: South Africa plastic pipes and fittings market was observed in its growth stage and the market is highly correlated with the development in the sewage and drainage, irrigation and mining industries in South Africa. The market has grown at a slower pace than expected due to the economic slowdown in the country which adversely affected the infrastructure sector as government spending has substantially reduced over the years. Rare Plastics,

Swan Plastics and Sizabantu Plastics are the market leaders of PVC, HDPE and O-PVC pipes and fittings respectively in terms of revenue, as of 2018. O-PVC being the emerging sector has only one domestic manufacturer in the country. Majority of these pipes and fittings are manufactured in the country and the rest are imported from countries such as Botswana, Spain, China and others. Leading end user applications of PVC plastic pipes and fittings in South Africa were towards sewage, drainage, water transmission and distribution, irrigation and others whereas, HDPE plastic pipes