

TIDE IS TURNING

The comments made by James Blakemore, ceo of the Zest Group, some months ago that he was optimistic about the recessionary tide turning, have been vindicated.

“This year has been tough but during the last few weeks a number of project orders have started to emerge including a large turnkey project in Ghana as well as several local coal, gold and uranium projects,” Blakemore clarifies.

“A key to our success is that we can leverage off our group companies and offer turnkey solutions to our customers for these projects,” Blakemore says.

A particular success is the recent commissioning of South Africa’s longest (17 km) coal conveyor using WEG drives and control philosophy. “We have also supplied Lucy underground ring main units for the coal industry and we see huge growth in this field.” In a separate contract, Zest will deliver four 2.5 MVA mobile synchronised gen sets to a large mine in the second quarter 2010.

“Complementing our existing, comprehensive range of products is the imminent launch of a number of new products, including smart meter technology for demand side management (DSM),” Blakemore concludes.