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Warming Grease on the move

The Maintenance Superintendent at Norlisk Nickel's Black Swan mine had a problem. Delivery of grease to equipment during the cold of winter was causing frustration, particularly away from the depot. "It can get to freezing in the desert and it can be a struggle to use our lubrication tanks until the sun is up and has had a chance to heat the contents" he says. An inspired thought made him wonder whether he might be able to use a jacket to heat the grease, and he contacted IBC Solutions (now SBH Solutions). The trick was that his thoughts extended to using the jackets on the back of a truck for maximum flexibility both on and off site.

Because of the low power usage of the LMK Thermo-safe jackets, it has been possible to install the grease tank on a truck using an inverter to run the jacket from a generator. "It has worked perfectly—we can now lubricate when-ever and where-ever we need to, and the jacket's thermostat allows us to set and forget" he says.

Norlisk Nickel is the world's leading producer of nickel and palladium, and one of the largest global producers of platinum and copper. Its main operations are in Russia, and it has extensive interests in Finland, Australia, Republic of South Africa and Botswana.



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