

## SKF implements Trouble Free Operations programme in forty-five countries

Huthwaite is committed to providing programmes that can cross borders and adapt to local approaches without losing the common core elements.

The Swedish-based bearing manufacturer SKF needed just such an approach. SKF had decided to opt for world-wide implementation, because it wanted to introduce the concept of TFO — Trouble Free Operations — in a uniform manner, in over 45 countries, ranging from

Sweden itself, to Singapore, South Africa, much of South America and the whole of Europe.

Huthwaite is meeting the need, in local languages, through its world-wide network of international licensees. The project is managed by Lars Dahlberg and Huthwaite's Swedish office.

Bearings are small but vital components in just about every high-value, mission-critical

mechanical device in the world. The consequences of bearing failure can be severe and immediate. The Trouble Free Operations concept pioneered by SKF aims to keep its customers failure-free.

Huthwaite has helped the SKF engineers to sell the TFO concept to customers and to gain their commitment to the monitoring procedures and planned maintenance schedule such an approach needs.