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Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for around just 3% of global demand for adhesives and sealants, but the industry is forecast to grow by 2.19% to US\$1.2 billion between 2015 and 2020.

This is due to African economies becoming less reliant on extractive industries and placing more emphasis on the development of infrastructure and manufacturing. At the same time, product designers and manufacturing engineers are relying increasingly on adhesives for improved design, greater flexibility, more efficient production and better performance.

One of the companies active in providing the continent with the latest in adhesive-bonded fastener technology is Trysome Auto Electrical. Its ClickBond fasteners – which enhance structural strength, streamline manufacturing and facilitate repair – are used in an array of industries including aerospace, mining, military, agriculture, marine and offshore.

The fasteners are made from durable, marine-grade 316 stainless steel and attached via structural adhesives that are resistant to salt water, fuel, oils and hydraulic fluids. They also provide a chemical barrier that inhibits galvanic corrosion.