

Alfacam plans ahead to World Cup 2010 with TSL

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TSL Professional Products Group sold PAM1-3G8 professional audio monitors to Alfacam for deployment to Johannesburg to cover the recent FIFA Confederations Cup South Africa. The sale enabled Alfacam to fully equip an outside broadcast system in multiple racks that were

wired in Belgium, disassembled and shipped to South Africa, and reassembled at Standard Bank Arena, Ellis Park, Johannesburg.

TSL's PAM1-3G8's were installed at four crucial control positions within Alfacam's system to monitor the video and meter multiple audio channels of embedded,

AES and analogue audio signals. The Alfacam system will further act as a test set up for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa. Following this year's Confederations Cup the PAM1-3G8 units will be used for control in technical equipment rooms for a variety of Alfacam TV channels including EXQI Sport, EXQI Culture and Euro1080 (which broadcasts HD1, the first European HD channel available on satellite).

According to Alfacam Head of Audio Engineering Jean-Philippe Ovaert, "We had to comply with a

detailed list of technical features and the PAM1-3G8 met all of those requirements, but with even greater possibilities. Because this deployment is seen as a trial run for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, we wanted to ensure that our audio monitoring technology would include Dolby decoding and measurement as well as metadata control. The PAM1-3G8 offers all of these features, as well as the ability to see the signal that it is measuring, which is extremely helpful when you have a lot of signals to control."

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