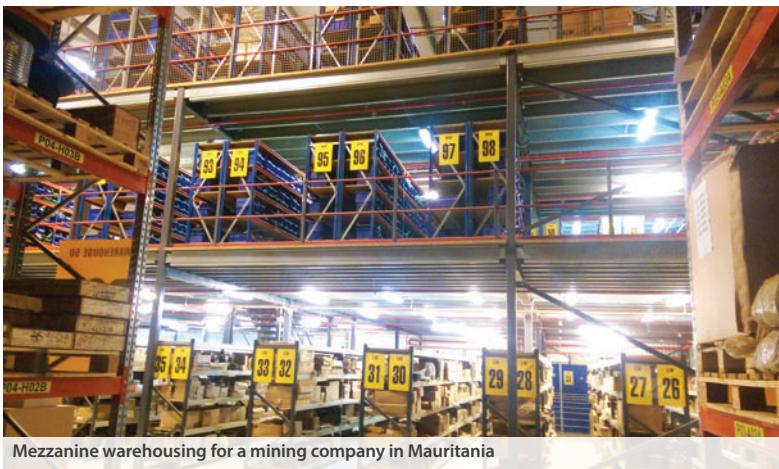


# Making the most of warehouse space

With Stodec Trading equipment, a company does not necessarily have to construct a new building to increase capacity



Mezzanine warehousing for a mining company in Mauritania

The cost of providing safe, secure and operationally effective warehouse facilities continues to increase. Most companies will need their products, component parts, raw materials and essential production spare parts to be accessible and available exactly when required, in first class condition and in the quantity needed.

Deciding how large the warehouse should be, how the material is stored and how the stock or components are recorded, controlled and accessed is absolutely essential to the success of the companies' operations so that Logistics and Warehouse Management is now recognised as a key part of any enterprise.

## Improving storage and stock control

There are many types of goods handling and storage equipment now available which can be installed to increase capacity, or improve access, or assist with stock control and security and new systems are being developed to meet differing market conditions all the time.

Stodec Trading Ltd have been designing and installing storage equipment and facilities for more than 30 years and its Dexion equipment has been used throughout Africa for over 60 years so its experience of warehousing in Africa is very extensive.

In many warehouse facilities, the most useful storage equipment is standard adjustable pallet racking and sometimes extra benefits can be achieved by designing these components into new racking designs such as Drive-In racks, Push back, Shuttle carriers, Double deep storage, Narrow Aisle, Mobile racking, Cantilever racks and other variations which will meet the particular needs for the product or location.

## Cost-effective mezzanine floors

Mezzanine floors are now becoming a frequent component of new facilities and they are particularly a very cost-effective and efficient way to add valuable additional floor area into an existing warehouse area where unused headroom is available.

Stodec mezzanine floors are supplied from the UK in ready to install kit form and, with the company's on-site supervisor giving training and guiding a local installation team, they can be erected with limited disruption to existing operations.

Stodec mezzanines are designed to meet the highest structural standards and meet fully British and European Standards. Generally they can be installed on existing good quality warehouse concrete floors and this allows valuable overhead space to be

used for storage or office space without costly new buildings or extensions.

Stodec Trading Ltd can design the mezzanine floor to meet the loading requirements of your particular site, with upright spacings, loading gates, stairways and the type of flooring being selected for each application.

A mezzanine floor installation should always be considered before an expensive new building is undertaken so that existing premises are being used to the full.

Shelving, racking, mesh security fencing or office partitioning can all be combined with the installation so that the footprint of the mezzanine is fully utilised.

Mezzanine floors have been installed by Stodec on many sites in Africa including Angola, Mauritania, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Ethiopia and currently in Namibia.

If your warehouse area has headroom space that is not being used, or if you need more floor space but existing stock or shelving is spread out, then consider a mezzanine before you look at a more expensive option.

Stodec Trading Ltd site [www.stodec.co.uk](http://www.stodec.co.uk) has useful data on mezzanines as well as the many alternative storage systems. A detailed brochure in the download section shows mezzanines in use. ■