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SSI takes awards at CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards

The CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards gala function was held in Johannesburg on 17 August 2011. SSI swept the board with most of the prestigious awards in the southern African consulting engineering calendar, winning top accolades for the categories: "Projects with a value greater than R250-million", "Projects with a value between R50-million and R250-million" as well as "Projects with a value less than R50-million". The company also took top position in the category "Mentoring company of the Year" and won a third place in the CESA job shadow month. For "Projects with a value greater than R250-million", the Bedford Dam: Ingula pumped storage scheme project in joint venture with GIBB and Knight Piesold took first prize. The Bedford Dam is a 49 m-high concrete-faced rockfill dam with an 810 m crest length, and forms the upper reservoir of the Ingula pumped storage scheme, bordering on the Free State and KwaZulu-Natal provinces. For "Projects with a value between R50-million and R250-million", The Mossel Bay desalination plant clinched top position. The plant has been designed to produce 15 Ml/d of permeate over a 24-hour cycle which will be pumped to the two users, Mossel Bay Municipality and PETROSA. In the category "Projects with a value less than R50-million", the company took top place with the Blackburn pedestrian bridge. One of the longest cable-stayed pedestrian bridges in Africa, this was identified as a community development project for the Blackburn area, and included input from the village residents which ensured that end users' requirements were aligned with the proposed design. In the category, Mentoring Company of the Year, the company took prime position as well! As part of the DHV Group, the company launched the DHV University Africa chapter recently. The University is an integral part of a Strategy to nurture and grow our young talent through mentoring, career development programmes and training. Initiatives such as the bursary scheme and the Saturday school include strong mentorship elements. The mentorship programme addresses both technical and career as well as professional development.

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