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Engineering excellence awards

Winners with their certificates at the CESA Glenrand MIB Engineering Excellence Awards evening.

CONSULTING Engineers South Africa's (CESA) prestigious CESA Glenrand MIB Engineering Excellence Awards held at the Vodadome in Midrand on the 18th August this year were a celebration of innovation, quality, outstanding workmanship and professionalism in the industry.

The annual event is a platform to showcase the important role that infrastructure plays in the sustainable development of our country. The Awards focus on consulting engineers and their clients who participate in or initiate projects that promote the advancement of our nation and the people of the continent.

Consulting Engineers have a passion to ensure the long term sustainability of our country and 2010 has been a year in which this passion and drive to deliver has been highlighted more than ever.

The question has to be asked: Was the 2010 Soccer World Cup a sporting event or an infrastructure showcase? This year due to the FIFA Soccer World Cup a special Soccer Stadiums category was added to the Awards.

Awards were handed out for the following categories: Engineering Excellence for projects with a value of less than R10million; projects between R10million and R100million and for projects with a value of over R100million; Soccer Stadiums; Business Excellence; Young Company of the Year; International Business Developer of the Year; Visionary Client of the Year; Young Engineer of the Year; Publisher of the Year; Mentor of the Year; and Mentoring Company of the Year.

In the special Soccer Stadiums category the Green Point Stadium 2010 Structural Engineers Joint Venture were awarded a commendation for the Cape Town Stadium with the BKS–BTKM-PMSA Joint Venture winning the award for the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium.

The category of Engineering Excellence with a value greater than R100 million was won by SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants in conjunction with HBL Joint Venture for the Mgeni Viaduct for the KZN Department of Transport with Prestedge Retief Dresner Wijnberg in conjunction with HMG Joint Venture receiving a commendation for the Deepening and Widening of Durban Harbour's Entrance Channel for the TRANSNET National Ports Authority.

The category of Engineering Excellence with a value between R10million and R100 million was won by GIBB in conjunction with the Cape Town Stadium 2010 Electrical Engineers Joint Venture for the Illumination of Cape Town Stadium and Surrounds. UWP Consulting in conjunction with PD Naidoo & Associates received a Commendation for the Rehabilitation of National Route 1 between Huguenot Toll Plaza and Klip River for SANRAL. *Enquiry No: 99*