

2011 CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards

Consulting Engineers South Africa's (CESA) prestigious CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards held at the Vodadome in Midrand on 17 August this year are a celebration of innovation, quality, outstanding workmanship and professionalism in the industry. CESA is proud to host this annual event, sponsored by Aon, as 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.

Award categories and winners

- Engineering Excellence with a value greater than R250 M: Winner - The Braamhoek Consultants Joint Venture, comprising GIBB, Knight Piésold and SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants for the Bedford Dam – Ingula Pump Storage Scheme for Eskom; Commendation - Golder Associates for the Optimum Colliery Mine Water Reclamation Project for Optimum Coal.
- Engineering Excellence with a value between R50 M and R250 M: Winner - SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants for the Mossel Bay 15Ml/day Sea Water Desalination Plant for Mossel Bay Municipality. Two commendations - Aurecon South Africa for the Granger Bay Boulevard and Green Point Traffic Circle for the City of Cape Town; Roads and Major Projects Division and GIBB for the Rhodesfield Project for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa.
- Engineering Excellence with a value less than R50 M: Winner - SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants for the Blackburn Pedestrian Bridge for SANRAL. Two Commendations - KAYAD Knight Piésold for the Demise of the Athlone Cooling Towers for the City of Cape Town; and Vela VKE for the Markgraaf Pedestrian Bridge for the City of Bloemfontein.
- Best International Project: Award sponsored by the Built Environment Professionals Export Council (BEPEC): Winner - BKS – for the Omdurman Water Treatment Works for Bivwater, Commenda-

tion - Golder Associates for the Amoma Pit Infrastructure Detailed Design and Engineering for Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd.

- Business Excellence: Accolade to Bigen Africa Services sponsored by Business Report.
- Young Company of the Year: ERO Engineers.
- Visionary Client of the Year: eThekweni Municipality. CESA lauds eThekweni Municipality for being at the forefront of pioneering new procurement models for example their work on the Asbestos Cement (AC) Pipe Replacement Project. Notable projects that promote sustainable economic growth and job creation include the Moses Mabhida Stadium precinct development as well as the remodelling and rejuvenation of the Durban Beachfront Promenade. In addition to this eThekweni Municipality is achieving an outstanding reputation for re-using existing resources in a sustainable way ie the aged asphalt that is recovered from their roads as part of their road rehabilitation strategy as well as nutrient recovery from sewage for use in agriculture, recycling and re-use to address the South African water crisis. The Municipality has prioritised the development of small businesses and the creation of opportunities for young people through access to technology. eThekweni Municipality recently launched hi-tech centres in poor communities, bringing much needed access to multimedia technologies.
- Young Engineer of the Year (sponsored by Airports Company South Africa (ACSA): Mpho Ramphao from Aurecon who will attend the FIDIC convention in Davos, Switzerland, this year.
- Mentoring Company of the Year: SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants.
- Mentor of the Year: Ric Snowden from ARUP.
- Recognition for publishing excellence: Brooke Patrick Publications: Trade Media; Independent Newspapers received recognition for Publishing Excellence: Daily Newspapers.

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