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Hatch Goba chairman receives McMaster University Faculty of Engineering Leadership Award

***29 May, 2015:*** *Hatch Goba chairman Trueman Goba received the McMaster University Faculty of Engineering Leadership Award at its annual Applause and Accolades Awards Gala in Hamilton, Ontario in Canada on 7 May 2015.*

The Leadership Award was established in 2004 to recognise an outstanding citizen who has contributed to engineering, McMaster University and the community of Ontario. The university’s Engineering Faculty is rated among the best in the world. Goba has been instrumental in forging a successful relationship between McMaster Engineering and the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The latest recognition for Hatch Goba’s chairman follows the presentation of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Engineering at the inaugural South African Professional Services Awards (SAPSA) ceremony held in Johannesburg on 30 October 2014.

Here Goba was deemed overall winner in a category with numerous high-profile nominees by a distinguished panel of judges who reviewed media reports, technical awards, client surveys and organisation profiles before reaching their final decision.

“Today’s teachers and schoolchildren should be maximising the opportunities now available to them,” is Goba’s typically humble response to the Leadership Award. Commenting on his decision to become an engineer, he elaborates: “With some of us there was an element of defiance against the status quo, the belief in oneself and willingness to face the struggle against segregation and the real prospect of possibly failing a course which we found most challenging.

“Coming out of a poor family in a township community, such possible embarrassment was a real risk at the time. Those circumstances today are long a thing of the past, thanks to great leadership and sacrifices by people like the late Nelson Mandela.” Goba adds: “I am most thankful to all colleagues, in our company and in the profession generally, for such recognition and exposure—almost undeserved.”

Goba was born in Chesterville, South Africa. He began his career as a survey technician and went on to graduate with a BSc Eng and a MEng (Civil). In 2001, Goba’s company GMA merged with Keeve Steyn to form Goba (Pty) Ltd., which merged with the Hatch Group in 2013.

Goba was President of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) from 2007 to 2009 and also President of the South African Institution of Civil Engineers (SAICE) in 2002. In 2010, he was appointed to the first National Planning Commission and was awarded a Gold Medal by the SAICE in 2013.

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