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Hatch Goba receives commendations at CESA Aon Awards 2015

***18 August, 2015:*** *Hatch Goba received two commendations and one runner-up award among many entries of a very high standard at the CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards at the Vodafone Arena, Midrand on the evening of Wednesday 12 August.*

In the category for ‘Projects with a value in excess of R250 million’, Hatch Goba received two commendations, the first for the Umgeni Road Interchange upgrade project. The judges praised this ambitious SANRAL project for its attention to aesthetic concerns.

The latest accolade for the Umgeni Road Interchange was an award from the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) Durban Branch Award for Technical Excellence. In addition, it scooped a prestigious Fulton Award in the category Civil Engineering Structure over R100 million.

“This is a great achievement for the entire project team. I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved in this complex and high-profile project,” **John McCall**, Hatch Goba, manager: roads & transportation, KwaZulu-Natal, highlights.

The second commendation was for the RSV ENCO Hatch Goba Coal Joint Venture as EPCM consultant for the Impumelelo Shaft Project for Sasol Mining. Impumelelo is an 8.5 mtpa replacement tonnage coal mine for Brandspruit in the Secunda area of Mpumalanga.

The project scope entailed the design and development of the complete Greenfield mine complex, including two vertical shafts and a decline shaft and associated underground development. The materials handling system included a 27 km single-flight overland conveying system, the longest in the Southern Hemisphere.

“There were nine vastly different contenders in this prestigious category, and to have received not one, but two, of the three commendations awarded over and above the winning project is an indication of the difficulty in selecting a clean-cut winner,” Hatch Goba chairman **Trueman Goba** comments.

The Hatch Goba Eastern Cape branch received a second runner-up award for its YPF Job Shadow Poster programme.

Hatch Goba was also shortlisted in the following categories.

* Young engineer of the year: Nicole Teeling.
* Projects with a value less than R50 million: Izinga Phase 2A Project, KwaZulu-Natal.
* Mentor of the year: John Petzer.
* Best International Project: Arch Hangar for Ethiopian Airlines, Bole International Airport, Addis Ababa.

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