**PRESS RELEASE**

Hatch Goba continues to win big with Umgeni Road Interchange project

***19 October, 2015:*** *Hatch Goba continues to rack up major industry awards for its involvement with the flagship Umgeni Road Interchange project in KwaZulu-Natal.*

Hatch Goba’s latest accolade for this high-profile SANRAL project has been a commendation in the Technical Excellence category at the SAICE-SAFCEC Awards 2015. At the CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards, the company received a commendation for the same project in the category for ‘Projects with a value in excess of R250 million’.

Hatch Goba also clinched the SAICE Durban Branch Award for Technical Excellence. In addition, it scooped a prestigious Fulton Award in the category ‘Civil engineering structure over R100 million’.

The project involved the entire bridge deck built from one end of the structure, as opposed to the traditional segmental construction method whereby a bridge is built one span at a time. The application of this innovative technology had a substantial impact on the construction requirements, as well as minimising traffic disruption.

The overall bridge works were 1 200 m long, with a surface area of 14 000 m2. The roadworks alone comprised 56 000 m2 of asphalt, while the bulk earthworks totalled 100 000 m3 of cut material and 200 000 m3 of fill material.

Another major challenge was posed by the fact that a large quantity of existing services not only had to be relocated, but had to be searched for and identified. These ranged from electricity and water reticulation to sewerage and telecommunications infrastructure.

Hatch Goba and SANRAL have been collaborating successfully for a number of years on such flagship projects as the Gillooly’s Interchange in Johannesburg, one of the largest and busiest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

**John McCall**, Hatch Goba, manager: roads & transportation, KwaZulu-Natal, received a certificate of recognition at a recent SAICE Transportation Engineering Division’s KwaZulu-Natal luncheon for his contribution to the sector in the province.

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