

AWARDS FEATURE



AND THE WINNERS OF THE 8TH ANNUAL METROPOLITAN OLIVER EMPOWERMENT AWARDS ARE ...

The 8th annual Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards (MOEA), South Africa's foremost Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) awards ceremony, was held at the Sandton Convention Centre on 19 March 2009. Hosted every year by Topco Media's annual empowerment publication *Impumelelo*, the MOEA brings together and celebrates the individuals and companies that drive B-BBEE in every sphere of South African life. Metropolitan's involvement embodies the company's belief that "Together We Can". Ranked among the top three insurance groups in southern Africa in terms of the lives it touches, Metropolitan's philosophy is anchored in the belief that partnerships, collaboration and collective efforts yield results beyond expectations. Nkosi-nathi Chonco, Metropolitan Group Execu-

utive said, "We are proud to have partnered with Topco Media in hosting the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the winners and thank them for their commitment to the philosophies of empowerment in business in South Africa today."

This commitment to the implementation of B-BBEE in business and government has a ripple effect through South African society, *guiding the nation through the process of meaningful transformation.*

As keynote speaker for the evening, His Right Honorable Minister, Jeff Rabebe, Head of Policy for the ANC, commented: "It is important to acknowledge the good things and positive changes commonly associated with BEE policies and programmes. In addition, with such

policies and programmes, the country is able to safeguard itself against political and economic instability. It must be understood that BEE is not a panacea to all the social ills confronting our society. Rather, BEE is one of many policy instruments designed to restore, through its multi-faceted approach to empowerment, the economic heritage of Black people."

The winning organisations all demonstrated exceptional performance in the seven B-BBEE pillars of Codes of Good Practice, as specified by the dti, namely Residual Factor, Enterprise Development, Preferential Procurement, Skills Development, Empowerment Equity, Management and Ownership.

The judges for the awards were: Victor Kgomoeswana, Chairman of Moneybiz; Kelly Masete, Project Director (Members



The Honourable Minister Jeff Radebe (at the time he was Head of Policy for the ANC) and keynote speaker for the ceremony.



The judges of the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards
From left Victor Kgomoewana, Chairman of Moneybiz; Zelphina Mvula, Metropolitan – BEE Manager; Kelly Masete, SAICA – Project Director (Members in Business); Tyrone Naidoo, BEE Online MD; and Ralf Fletcher, Topco Media, MD

(in Business) of SAICA; Lot Ndlovu, Non-Executive Vice President of Nedbank; Tyrone Naidoo, MD from BEE Online; and Zelphina Mvula, BEE Manager from Metropolitan Holdings Ltd.

The judges looked for organisations with innovative strategic vision and excellence that stood out because of their ability to implement their vision, strategise for their future and integrate a better business practice through empowerment of staff and communities. The judges took the following into account when assessing the nominees: turnover and profitability margins; corporate governance and leadership; and internal measuring mechanisms for BEE policies.

THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WERE CHOSEN AS WINNERS IN THE CATEGORIES THAT THEY WERE NOMINATED IN:

Top Empowered Company in ICT
– Sponsored by African Legend Indigo and bmc Software: iBurst

Top Empowered Company in Health, Safety & Security
– Sponsored by Metropolitan Health Group: Bonitas Medical Fund

Top Empowered Company in Retail & Property
– Sponsored by Metropolitan Property Services (Pty) Ltd: Woolworths

Top Empowered Company in Financial Services
First Rand Limited

Top Empowered Company in Business Support Services
The Kelly Group

Top Empowered Company in CSI
Telkom Foundation

Top Empowered Company in Sustainability & Beyond
– Sponsored by Business Report: First National Bank

Top Empowered Company in Logistics
Super Group Limited

Top SMME Empowered Company (turnover below 50m)
– Sponsored by FNB Commercial Banking: Maserumule Incorporated Attorneys

Top New & Innovative Company
African Access Holdings

Most improved year-on-year BEE score card
iBurst (Proprietary) Ltd

Top Empowered National or Regional Transforming Government Department
Department of Defence

Top Empowered Transforming Municipality or Province Owned Entity
– Sponsored by Development Bank of Southern Africa: Johannesburg Water (Pty) Ltd

Top Transforming Government Agency or Parastatal
National Empowerment Fund

Top Black Entrepreneur of the Year
Shaun Battlemann – African Access Holdings (Pty) Ltd

Top Young Black Entrepreneur of the Year (under 35)
– Sponsored by BANKSETA: Mtundo Wiseman Thango – Mpilende Foods (Pty) Ltd

Top Black Businessman of the Year
Mthunzi Mdwaba – Torque IT

Top Black Businesswoman of the Year
– Sponsored by Kaya FM: Geeta Singh - Voltsing Electrical

Top Black Business of the Year
– Sponsored by Metropolitan Holdings Limited: African Access Holdings (Pty) Ltd

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Top Empowered Company in ICT: IBURST – category sponsored by African Legend Indigo and BMC Software. From left: Thami Mshali – Founder of iBurst and Ryan Lawlor – African Legend Indigo, General Manager (BMC division)



Top Empowered Company in Health, Safety and Security: BONITAS – category sponsored by Metropolitan Health Group. From left: Katy Caldis – Bonitas, Business Development Director and Peter Mlambo – Metropolitan Health Group, National Manager



Top Empowered Company in Retail & Property: WOOLWORTHS – category sponsored by Metropolitan Property Services (Pty) Ltd. From left: Vuyani Hako – Metropolitan Property Services, Managing Director, Zinzi Mgolodela – Woolworths, Head of BEE Transformation



Top Empowered Company in Financial Services: FIRST RAND. From left: Ashley Mathura – FNB, Head of Start-Ups, Stephen Paxton – Topco Media, Associate Publisher with Patsy Down – FirstRand Ltd, Head, Transformation Unit



Recipient of CSI Recognition Award, Matthews Buthelezi



Top Empowered Transforming Municipality or Province: JOHANNESBURG WATER (PTY) LTD – sponsored by Development Bank of Southern Africa.
From left: Tebatso Baldwin Matsimela – Johannesburg Water, Manager, Marketing, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Division receiving their award from Nonnie Letsholo – Development Bank of Southern Africa, Corporate Communications and Marketing Manager

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Metropolitan Holdings Limited primarily targets the lower and middle-income markets in southern Africa, and is the largest financial services group to do so. Products offered by Metropolitan range from assurance of individuals, retirement annuities, medical aid products, unit trusts, and investment products, credit life benefits and employee benefit packages for both large and small companies.

Metropolitan Health Group provides medical scheme administration and managed care solutions to the corporate and retail market. Their product offering includes customised outsourced administration, system licensing and integrated health risk management solutions. Metropolitan Health Group touches the lives of over 2 million individuals and is proud to offer a service to the 4 largest closed medical schemes in South Africa.

Metropolitan Property Services (Pty) Ltd manages a portfolio in excess of R3.8 billion on behalf of its clients. They are committed to maintaining stable capital growth and above average income for the benefit

of their clients. Metropolitan Retail division under the Life brand offers products and services tailored to individuals' needs. They develop, distribute and administer risk and investment products and group schemes. Metropolitan Life is one of the biggest life insurers operating in the low-to-middle income markets across Africa.

African Legend Indigo delivers ICT solutions to companies from various industry sectors including, amongst others: telecommunications, government, financial services, retail, oil and gas, and manufacturing. Solutions are provided to clients through AL Indigo's primary business areas that focus on Infrastructure Services, Service Oriented Architecture, and Enterprise Systems Management.

bmc Software is a leading global provider of enterprise management solutions that empower companies to automate their IT and prove its business value. Delivering Business Service Management and Service Automation, bmc Software spans enterprise systems, applications, databases and service management.

Business Report is South Africa's most widely read financial newspaper, appearing in four of the Independent Group's daily titles and three of its weekend titles, and has an unrivalled national footprint. Its readers are drawn from the business communities of all of South Africa's four major economic hubs. Readers range from private investors, entrepreneurs and managers from the shop floors of the smallest companies to the executive suites of the largest to top government bureaucrats and cabinet ministers.

FNB Commercial Banking is a division of First National Bank Limited that focuses on the small-to-medium business market, and services a wide range of businesses from start-ups to medium corporate companies. With the view that growth in South Africa will come through promoting entrepreneurial activity, FNB has developed a holistic approach to addressing the BEE needs of business owners, thereby aiding transformation across all sectors in South Africa.

Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) is a leading Development Finance Institution in South Africa, playing



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Winner of the Top Black Business of the Year: AFRICAN ACCESS HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD – sponsored by Metropolitan. From left: Andile Sanqu – Metropolitan Holdings, Board Member, who presented the winners with their award, Seth Phalatsa African Access Holdings – Chairman, Shaun Baltlemann – African Access Holdings – CEO, and Sebenzile Matsebula – African Access Holdings – Executive Director



Wilhelm van Zyl – CEO of Metropolitan together with Peter Miambo, Metropolitan Health Board member

the roles of Financier, Advisor, Partner, Implementer and Integrator. The Bank maximises its contribution to sustainable development in the region by mobilising financial, knowledge and human capital to support government and other development role-players in improving the quality of life of people in the region through funding infrastructure projects; accelerating the sustainable reduction of poverty and dependency; and promoting broad-based economic growth and regional economic integration.

BANKSETA was established in terms of the Skills Development Act 97 of 1998 by the Department of Labour. It services the Banking and Microfinance industries on issues of Skills Development such as the registration and implementation of learnerships. The SETA also develops and implements the sector skills plan for the sector.

KAYA FM 95.9 reflects the lives of the upscale 25+ listener living in South Africa's most progressive and exciting region. The station broadcasts both music and talk, and this makes it unique from other ICASA approved licences. KAYA FM 95.9 launched in August 1997, and was one of the first new frequencies to be approved for private commercial radio. The current listenership stands at 561 000 per average day. ■

COMPANIES IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDED:

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