

Winners of the SA Premier Business Awards Announced

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The winners of the inaugural SA Premier Business awards were announced on the evening of 20 March 2013 at a spectacular awards gala at the Sandton Convention Centre. What sets these awards apart is how thoroughly they include enterprises that promote the spirit of success and innovation. It is refreshing to see the inclusion of so many categories that often get ignored. As a result, they will spotlight business that we may not have celebrated as well as those that deservedly get recognition for their ongoing contribution to excellence.

Of special significance is the Lifetime Achiever Award to trailblazer, Dr Richard Maponya for his contribution to SA Business and community Building. This icon of entrepreneurship deserves recognition. "We are catching up to first world countries." Dr Maponya said while accepting his award.



The winners in the various categories are:

Rural Development Award: Social Change Assistance Trust (SCAT)

SMME Award: Malcolm Ezindaleni Hydraulics & Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Young Entrepreneur Award: Miss Earth South Africa

Women Owned Enterprise Award: Segakweng Enterprise & Strategy Consulting

The Quality Award: Coega Dairy

Technology Award: Tshwane University of Technology

The Green Award: MTN SA

The Media Award: Talk Radio 702/567 Cape Talk

The Proudly South African Enterprise Award: G.U.D Holdings (Pty) Ltd

The Most Empowered Enterprise Award: MTN SA

The Investor Award: Nestle (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

The Exporter Award: Abagold AND Saab Grintek Defence (Pty) Ltd

The Manufacturer Award: Bell Equipment Company SA AND Powertech

Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr Richard Maponya