



## MEDIA RELEASE

### KZN organisations recognised for excellence in the waste industry

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*Caption: **Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI)** (top left), **Afripack Consumer Flexibles KZN** (top right) and **Clifton Hill Homeowners' Association** (bottom) were acknowledged for exceptional waste management practices at the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) and the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA)'s KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Waste Management Awards, which took place earlier this month at the Durban Country Club.*

*Organisations in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) were honoured at the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) and the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA)'s KZN Waste Management Awards for their positive contributions to the waste industry, which*

*recently took place at the Durban Country Club. Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI) Phoenix Manufacturing Plant (large general manufacturing category), Afripack Consumer Flexibles KZN (smaller general manufacturing category) and Clifton Hill Homeowners' Association (service industry category) walked away with top honours at the prestigious awards.*

The esteemed biennial IWMSA KZN Waste Management Awards began in 1992 as a Durban initiative and since 2002 has honoured the top organisations in the entire province. With the objective to promote best practices in waste management, the 2014 entrants proved just that by showcasing a reduction in waste volumes and improved resource efficiency.

Senior Manager for Environmental Planning and Coordination at the EDTEA, Dr Timothy Fasheun says, "The organisations that enter these awards also gain by sharing information with other businesses on efficient methods in the areas of waste management, handling waste issues, running sustainable waste management programmes and workforce education for all forms of waste handling."

ABI's Manufacturing Manager, Shane McIntyre comments about the awards, "We are proud and honoured to have received these awards alongside all the other recipients. As an organisation we are in a great space with our waste management and sustainability initiatives and these awards have given us the impetus to continue benchmarking and improving our sustainability processes."

Dr Suzan Oelofse, President of the IWMSA explains, "This year's entrants for the awards showcased immense progress in sustainable waste management practices. Responsible waste management provides financial benefits in terms of waste management, reuse and recycling as well as environmental and health benefits – something all businesses should actively pursue."

The judging process included a site visit and audit by a team of professionals led by EDTEA and the IWMSA. The audit consisted of seven categories namely, management and organisation; training and motivation; cleaner production and waste minimisation initiatives; waste generation, classification, storage, transport and disposal; record keeping; communication and social responsibility; and visual observation.

The winners were:

**GENERAL MANUFACTURING (> 250 EMPLOYEES) CATEGORY:**

- Gold certificate 4 stars and Trophy – Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI) Phoenix
- Gold certificate 4 stars – Richards Bay Minerals
- Gold certificate 2 stars– Tongaat Hulett Felixton Mill
- Gold certificate 2 stars– Tongaat Hulett Sugar Refinery
- Gold certificate 1 star – Unilever, Pietermaritzburg
- Silver certificate – Tongaat Hulett Darnall Mill

**GENERAL MANUFACTURING (< 250 EMPLOYEES) CATEGORY:**

- Gold certificate 3 stars and Trophy – Afripack Consumer Flexibles KZN
- Gold certificate 2 stars – CHEP SA - Prospecton
- Gold certificate 2 stars – Afripack Consumer Flexibles – Labels DLC
- Gold certificate 1 star – Afripack Consumer Flexibles – Sacks & Coatings – Mobeni
- Silver certificate – greenOFFICE (Pty) Ltd
- Silver certificate – CHEP SA – Pietermaritzburg
- Participation award – Sen Li Da Chemical Fibre (Pty) Ltd
- Participation award – Verigreen

**SERVICE INDUSTRY CATEGORY:**

- Gold certificate 2 stars and Trophy – Clifton Hill Homeowners' Association
- Gold certificate 2 stars – The Pavilion Shopping Centre – Westville
- Gold certificate 1 star – Dolphin Coast Landfill Management
- Gold certificate 1 star – 45<sup>th</sup> Engen Convenience Centre – Durban
- Silver certificate – Mhlathuze Water

**OTHER AWARDS:**

- Best new entrant – Richards Bay Minerals
- Cleaner production award – Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI) Phoenix
- Innovation trophy - USE-IT éThekwini Waste Materials Recovery Industry Development Cluster
- Individual merit certificate and trophy – Richard Critchlow from 45<sup>th</sup> Engen Convenience Centre
- Individual merit certificate – Ron Joubert from Clifton Hill Homeowners' Association
- Individual merit certificate - Gcobisa Feke from Dolphin Coast Landfill Management
- Individual merit certificate - Mark Liptrot from Afripack
- Team merit certificates - Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI) Phoenix
- Team merit certificates - CHEP Prospecton particularly Caren Tarr and Wayne Ridgway

The IWMSA is a professional, multi-disciplinary organisation with voluntary membership established to promote the science and practice of waste management and is a non-profit organisation. For more information, visit [www.iwmsa.co.za](http://www.iwmsa.co.za). The IWMSA is also on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/IWMSA>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/iwmsa>).

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