



SAHF acknowledges achievements in the housing industry

As part of the conference proceedings the Southern African Housing Foundation held its annual National Housing Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony at an African Evening Experience took place on Tuesday, 13 October 2009 at the Spier Wine Estate in Stellenbosch.

The SAHF annually acknowledges achievements in the housing industry providing awards for Housing Person of the Year, Best Local Authority, Project of the Year, Special Merit Awards and cash prizes to students for outstanding excellence. The awards were handed over on behalf of the SAHF by Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela.

The recipient of this year's Housing Person of the Year was awarded to Dr Charlene Lea, Chief Executive of Home Loan Guarantee Company in recognition for her vision, leadership, courage, tenacity and humility in groundbreaking work leading her organisation to providing over 80 000 guarantees to lower income lenders with a loan value in excess of R4 Billion. She established a special Foundation in support of HIV Aids, facilitating the provision of testing and treatment programmes for thousands of families throughout South Africa.



Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Dr Charlene Lea, Chief Executive of the Home Loan Guarantee Company & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF

The Student of the Year with a R10,000 cash prize was awarded to Simeon Hlungwani in recognition for outstanding consistent achievement as a student for his Masters Degree in Urban & Regional Planning and Land & Property Development Management. This student stood out as being the best student and achieving the highest marks displaying a passion for housing and an exceptional understanding of housing issues amongst his peers.

In addition the Chartered Institute of Housing in the United Kingdom also provided a R10,000 cash prize for academic achievement to Anton van den Berg in recognition for obtaining the highest grade in project work at the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics, UCT.



Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr Simeon Hlungwani & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF

This student has a unique approach to projects being highly motivated and displays extraordinary disciplined work habits. This student successfully worked in an integrated manner bridging economic, social and political issues achieving a high integrative resolution in a housing project.



Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF, Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr Anton van den Berg & Mr Steve Benson of the CIH

This year a special award for outstanding work in the housing development field was awarded to ASLA Devco in recognition for consistent delivery of good quality subsidy housing across the Western Cape Province, improving the quality of life and making a major contribution to the upliftment of many thousands of previously disadvantaged communities whilst creating many employment opportunities over the past decade.



Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr Schalk Loots, Director of ASLA Devco & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF

The Housing Project of the Year for housing units above R80,000 per unit was awarded to Sunrise View - Boitekong developed by Impala Platinum Limited. The housing project received recognition for piloting an employee assisted home ownership project by Impala Platinum providing interest free loans to over 300 families and creating over 1 000 new employment opportunities. These housing units have been developed to be eco-friendly whilst utilising local labour and building materials.



Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr Leon van Schalkwyk, Group Executive Strategic Finance, Impala Platinum Limited & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF

In recognition for outstanding community driven work in eradicating informal settlements and facilitating the provision of high quality houses through its public private partnerships, housing over 3000 families in the year under review, Rustenburg Local Municipality received the Local Authority of the Year Award. The Municipality spearheads economic integration and through the provision of job creation, alleviates the poverty of its community.



Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF and Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing handing over the Local Authority of the Year Award to Mr Donny Matshego, Housing Manager of Rustenburg Local Municipality and Housing Officials

The Housing Project of the Year under R80,000 per unit was awarded to Standford Housing Project which was developed by M5 Developments Cape (Pty) Ltd. The project received acclaim for providing affordable, quality, subsidised housing, transforming pockets of land into places of pride for the local community. This project has succeeded through difficult and challenging processes whilst greatly improving the community's quality of life.



Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr Rieger van Rooyen, M5 Developments Cape (Pty) Ltd & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF

Two Merit Awards were presented this year in acknowledgement of firstly, a groundbreaking initiative in providing quality, aesthetically pleasing, environmentally sustainable and efficient affordable housing, utilising land close to transport, service nodes and employment opportunities, to the project Leo Mews in Elsies River, Cape which was developed by Bitol Developments, Standard Bank of SA Ltd and the City of Cape Town.

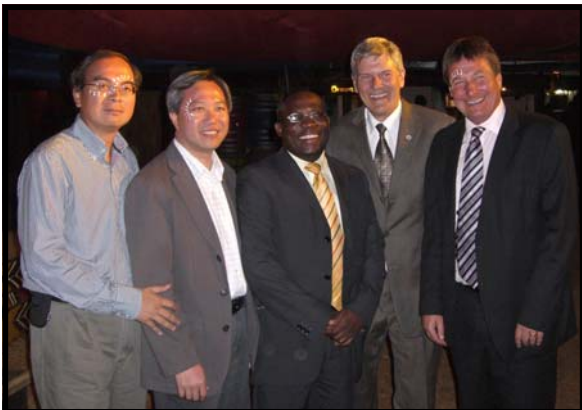


Mr Morgan Munsamy of Standard Bank, Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr Wayne Muller, City of Cape Town & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF



Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Ms Vuyiswa Budlu of Mellon Housing Initiative & Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF

The second Merit Award was awarded to Vuyiswa Budlu for her spirit and drive in getting the job done. She has spearheaded initiatives and has been influential in the successful development of the People's Housing Process, community based projects and many contractor built projects across three provinces.



Mr PY Fung & Mr Sanford Poon of the Chartered Institute of Housing Asian Pacific Branch, Hong Kong, Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, MEC for Housing, Mr John Hopkins, CEO of the SAHF & Mr Steve Benson, Chartered Institute of Housing, United Kingdom at the SAHF Housing Awards Ceremony



Mr John Matthews , CEO of Garden Cities and his wife, Brenda share a laugh with Mr PY Fung, of the Chartered Institute of Housing Asian Pacific Branch, Hong Kong at the SAHF Housing Awards Ceremony



Guests enjoying themselves at the SAHF Housing Awards Ceremony