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WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2010 AND 2010 WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to the following contractors who received awards at the Women in Construction Excellence Awards held in Johannesburg on 31 August 2010:

Mainstream Contractors category
cidb Grade 7; Mmamoleboge Investments (Limpopo)
cidb Grades 5 – 6; Phuma Ukhanye Construction and Transport cc (Mpumalanga)
cidb Grades 3 – 4; Tawana Business Enterprise (Gauteng)
cidb Grades 1 – 2; Lezelrique's Development (Northern Cape)

Contractors in a Development Programme category
cidb Grades 3 – 4; Kanjo Business Enterprise (Limpopo)
cidb Grades 1 – 2; Bokang Q Trading 1 GB (Free State)

EPWP Contractors category
cidb Grades 3 – 4; Ntshonondo Civils (Gauteng)
cidb Grades 1 – 2; Mbonelaphanda Civils (Gauteng)

The Women in Construction Excellence Awards recognise 51% women owned contractors for outstanding achievements in delivering value to clients and in growing and developing their businesses. They also recognise achievements of women in harnessing development support for business growth. There were no winners in the category for established contractors.

The 2010 Women in Construction Excellence Awards were attended by the Deputy Minister of Public Works, who was also the keynote speaker; the Eastern Cape Roads and Public Works MEC, Ms Pemmy Majodina; the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure MEC, Ms Faith Mazibuko and the Free State Department of Public Works and Rural Development MEC, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi. Nominations came from all provinces with the exception of North West province.

The Women in Construction Excellence Awards is a cidb initiative to celebrate Women's Day by promoting an enhanced role of women contractors and their integration into the mainstream of the construction economy. The awards also further the aims of the Construction Charter to promote gender equality in the construction sector.

According to the cidb Register of Contractors the majority of the 47% women owned enterprises on the register are in grades 1 to 4, with very few moving into the higher grades 5 to 8.