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HONOURING ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE IN SA

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Every year, the *Mail & Guardian* scours the country to find noteworthy and newsworthy environmental projects to profile in its annual Greening the Future Awards. The efforts of communities, companies, organisations and individuals to create a cleaner planet without compromising progress are showcased at a prestigious awards ceremony and in special reports published by the M&G.

In 2015, Africa's best read celebrates its 30th anniversary and Greening the Future plans to mark the occasion in several ways. Not least will be the introduction of a new **Editor's Choice Award** for South Africa's environmental project that stands out as a shining example of best practice in the field.

Every year, Greening the Future receives hundreds of entries from projects around the country in the 10 categories below that are judged by an independent, respected panel of judges. For the past 12 years we have featured forward-thinking green projects that help combat climate change, encourage renewable energy and foster the strategic management of natural resources. We invite you to join us in the 2015 celebrations.

We invite companies, parastatals, NGOs, schools, institutions and individuals to join in the celebration by showcasing your success stories. Videos of winning projects and finalists will be flighted on the award-winning *M&G Online* platform, in addition to the being featured across the *M&G's* multi-media publications, and at an annual gala awards evening that is the highlight of Green SA's calendar.

Entries open on 20 March 2015 and close 30 April 2015



Greening the Future 2015 Categories

(please mark category selection with an x)

Innovations for Climate Change Adaptation

This award celebrates projects, organisations and companies that are implementing innovative strategies for adapting to the impacts of global warming. Their approach is to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities of populations exposed to the negative effects of climate change.

Energy Efficiency & Carbon Management

This category showcases projects, organisations and companies that demonstrate best practice by reducing their carbon footprint and by entrenching energy efficiency and/or and electricity savings into their business practices.

Community Renewable Energy Innovations

This award celebrates community groups and organisations creating new models in renewable energy, resource efficiency and electricity savings. These are the path-finders whose innovations will change the face of our energy future and have the potential to be replicated.

Youth Leadership & Job Creation

This award celebrates individuals and projects breaking new ground for environmental sustainability. These are the young pioneers whose innovations have the potential to create new jobs in the environmental sector.

Green Technology Innovations

This category rewards projects, organisations and companies at the cutting edge of technological innovations aimed at the more efficient use of natural resources. These innovations offer real savings for natural capital and have the potential to be replicated.



Community Conservation

This award showcases the efforts of community groups and organisations that dedicate time and/or resources to environmental sustainability. These models are innovative, inspirational and are making a real difference to communities and their environments.

Biodiversity Stewardship

This award recognises communities, companies, organisations and/or individuals who nurture biodiversity. Their projects ensure that natural systems, biodiversity and ecosystem services are secured on land of high biodiversity value outside the formally protected areas.

Rhino Conservation

This award celebrates the heroes who are prepared to step in with practical, workable solutions to rhino poaching. It honours companies, organisations, projects and individuals who are making a difference in rhino conservation on the ground.

Green Economy Modelling

This award recognises communities, companies, organisations and/or individuals with innovative strategies that promote economic growth based on low carbon development and natural resource efficiency. These are internal and external models that demonstrate best practice in the green economy.

Water Efficiency & Management

This award showcases innovative, effective measures taken to protect the most vulnerable natural resource in the face of climate change. These are replicable models of how to conserve water, recycle water and/or prevent pollution of water resources.



APPLICATION FORM

1. General

a. Name of project / initiative being entered.

b. Category for which project or initiative is entered.

c. Name of company / organisation responsible for initiative.

d. List the project sponsors / contributors.

e. Identify other companies or organisations involved.

f. Contact person / contact details.

2. Project description

a. Brief description of the project / initiative (max 200 words).

b. Duration, start and end date of project / initiative.

c. Location or geographical area of project / initiative.



d. Identify the primary beneficiaries of the project (max 100 words).

e. Indicate in what way the project / initiative departs from a business as usual approach (max 100 words).

f. Describe any innovations or unique ways of working (max 100 words).

g. Describe stakeholder involvement in the project / initiative and any partnerships with communities / beneficiaries (max 200 words).

h. Indicate the measures to ensure institutional and financial sustainability of the project / initiative (max 200 words).

3. Impact of project / initiative:

a. List the primary outputs and achievements of the project / initiative (max 300 words).



b. Specify the contribution of the project / initiative to (max 400 words):

- i. Decreasing environmental impact.
- ii. Biodiversity conservation and management.
- iii. Water conservation and demand management.
- iv. Waste management and recycling.
- v. Low carbon development.
- vi. Energy efficiency and renewable energy.

c. Specify the contribution of the project / initiative to (max 300 words):

- i. Job creation.
- ii. Community development.
- iii. Gender awareness and empowerment.
- iv. Youth development.
- v. SME development.
- vi. Training and learnerships.



4. Profile of applicant company / organisation:

a. Describe the main business / activities of your company / organisation (max 100 words).

b. Describe the company's environmental and ecological footprint (max 200 words).

c. Describe the environmental policy of the company (max 100 words).

d. Describe any industrial practices using environmental/sustainable principles (max 100 words).

e. Describe measures taken by your company / organisation to mitigate its environmental impact, including measures for (max 200 words):

- i. Biodiversity conservation and management.
- ii. Water conservation and demand management.
- iii. Waste management and recycling.
- iv. Low carbon development.
- v. Energy efficiency and renewable energy.



f. Indicate what sustainability reporting is undertaken by your company / organisation (max 100 words).

g. Describe the ISO compliance or other relevant certification of your company (max 100 words).

h. Describe the measures used to monitor, audit & evaluate environmental impact within the company (max 100 words).

5. Corporate leadership (max 300 words):

- a. Describe measures undertaken by your company / organisation to:
 - i. Actively engage with your employees on environmental /sustainability issues.
 - ii. Address environmental /sustainability issues with your supply chain.
 - iii. Engage with other corporate or organisational leaders on environmental /sustainability issues.

b. Describe management endorsement and leadership of environmental/sustainability policy.



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