



Recognising The Impact Of Health And Safety In Manufacturing, Seifsa Seeks To Honour An Exemplary Company

JOHANNESBURG, 24 APRIL 2017 – Health and safety in business, but especially for companies involved in manufacturing, is paramount – and the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa (SEIFSA) seeks to honour companies in the metals and engineering sector that have shown an exemplary record with their health and safety performance.

In recognition, the company that will have been determined to have led the metals and engineering sector in its health and safety record for the 2016 calendar year will be honoured with the Health and Safety Award of the Year at the 2017 SEIFSA Awards for Excellence in Sandton, Johannesburg during a gala dinner.

Part of the criteria for the category include demonstrating a best legal compliance record in Health and Safety or the lowest Lost-Time Injury Frequency Rate for 2016.

The health and safety category is part of the SEIFSA Awards for Excellence, with six other categories which will be awarded at a prestigious Awards function which will take place at the IDC Conference Centre on 25 May. Entries for the awards close on 28 April 2017, following an extension to the deadline that was triggered by requests from interested companies that needed a little more time to finalize their entries for the prestigious awards

The Federation, which launched the SEIFSA Awards for Excellence in 2015, has invited manufacturers operating in the metals and engineering sector within the Southern African region to submit their entries for the 2017 Awards. Entrants will be assessed on their performance in the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

SEIFSA Chief Executive Officer Kaizer Nyatsumba said although the metals and engineering sector was faced with many challenges and uncertainty in 2016, nevertheless there were companies that still managed to excel under these difficult circumstances, while also ensuring that the health and safety of workers remains paramount.

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“Even during tight budgets which are the norm during economic crises, health and safety are still a significant part of the workplace and remain legally binding, with companies required to comply regardless of the prevailing circumstances. Failing to comply can lead to company Directors being held legally liable for irregularities in health and safety,” Mr Nyatsumba said.

The company that won this award last year was Genrec Engineering, a division of Murray and Roberts – a dual winner which also walked away with the Artisan of the Year Award.

Other categories for the SEIFSA Awards for Excellence are:

- The Most Transformed Company of the Year Award will go to a company that showed the highest transformation level in the composition of its Board of Directors, Executive Management and Managerial Team in 2016 (this award category pits companies employing fewer than 100 people against those of similar size, and companies employing more than 100 companies against others of similar size);
- Entries are also invited from companies whose Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme/s in 2016 had a major impact on the lives of their beneficiaries;
- Companies rated the highest in customer service performance in 2016 will receive the Customer Service Award of the Year;
- This is the Decade of the Artisan, and an award will be made to the company that trained the highest number of artisans in 2016; and
- The Environment Stewardship Award will go to a company that has made the biggest or best strides towards conserving the environment or mitigating the impact of its operations on the environment in 2016.

Mr Nyatsumba has encouraged manufacturers operating in the metals and engineering sector to submit their entries for the seven categories as soon as possible. The Awards are open to all companies in the sector, both SEIFSA members and non-members.

For more information or to enter for any of these categories for the awards, please contact our Sales and Acting Marketing Manager Ms Nuraan Alli on: 011 298 9400 or 083 415 2780 or you can email her on nuraan@seifsa.co.za. You may also visit our awards website at www.seifsaawards.co.za

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SEIFSA is a national Federation representing 25 independent employer Associations in the metal and engineering industries, with a combined membership of 2 000 companies employing over 200 000 employees. The Federation was formed in 1943 and its member companies range from giant steel-making corporations to micro-entreprises employing few than 50 people.

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