

Dachser South Africa named Freight and Logistics Company of the Year

On 28 June, Dachser South Africa was named the 'Freight and Logistics Company of the Year' at the 9th Transport Africa Awards 2016. The Transport Africa Awards are designed to recognise companies who have demonstrated an unparalleled ability to succeed and have continually set standards of excellence. The awards have become the blue chip mark of success for the African transport and infrastructure sector.

This year, a number of companies from 16 countries throughout the continent were nominated for the various award categories. Five finalists were selected in the 'Freight and Logistics Company of the Year' category. It was the first time that Dachser South Africa had entered the awards. The company's managing director, Detlev Duve, says, "We're very proud to receive this honour in a group of strong contenders."

Dachser South Africa has been operating in South Africa and on the African continent for 38 years, with local offices in Johannesburg, Durban, PE and Cape Town. Fostering a strong and extended regional network has been critical to the company's growth.

Dachser South Africa's corporate philosophy is to nurture a 'collective core' that connects staff. Employees refer to this as the Dachser DNA. Duve says, "I believe that in a constantly evolving marketplace, the ability for everyone in the company to really work together towards achieving our company's vision is what sets us apart. It encourages our customers trust us as highly capable and reliable long-term partners."

An integral part of Dachser South Africa's approach to intelligent logistics is to create maximum profitability for clients through the full spectrum of value-added logistics services. "The benefit for clients is that they are able to focus on their core business, rather than having to spend time and money on needless and complex handling of inventory," says Duve.

Duve says that Dachser South Africa regards themselves as an extension of the client: "Our aim is to provide sophisticated and streamlined logistics that are integrated into the client's supply chain. We view our employees as a local extension of the client's business. This commitment requires a high degree of human resource investment and a long-term view of learning about - and understanding - the client's business sector and requirements."

The company actively seeks innovative solutions to meet the particular requirements of each client. This is especially relevant given that the company has a diverse client base ranging from suppliers of frontline healthcare equipment - which require continued onsite calibration, to the

providers of large-scale heavy technical equipment such as elevators and escalators - which require mega-transportation solutions.