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Flex your green muscle Eastern Cape!

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The much acclaimed Top Green Organisation Awards coordinated and sponsored by the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) in partnership with the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) is now open! Companies across the Eastern Cape are urged to enter online before 30 August 2014 to stand a chance of not only walking away with one of the most prestigious green titles in the country, but also showing the rest of South Africa the province's green mettle.

All Eastern Cape organisations stand a chance of being recognised for their green contributions; categories include Small, Medium, Micro Enterprises (SMME's), municipalities, provincial and national government departments as well as non-government organisations. Entries for the Top Green Organisation Awards close on 30 August 2014; all interested parties can visit <http://www.iwmsa.co.za/images/down/top%20green%20entry.pdf> to download the entry form.

The Top Green Organisation Awards is aimed towards recognising and showcasing the achievements of organisations that comply with legislation governing broad environmental management compliance and green economy initiatives. "It is a wonderful opportunity for winners to demonstrate their innovation in environmental management," says Honourable Sakhumzi Somyo, Member of the Executive Council at the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

The entrants will be shortlisted and audited from September to October by professional members of the DEDEAT and the IWMSA to determine who the winners are. Finalists will also receive a detailed report outlining the findings from the audit and site visit. The winners will be announced at an esteemed Gala Banquet at the end of November – a platform honouring only the best of the best in environmental management within the Eastern Cape Province!

“The Eastern Cape Top Green Organisation Awards is a great platform for us as a province to showcase the responsible environmental management practices in the Eastern Cape. This is very much in line with the provincial goals and efforts to develop capabilities and demonstrate leadership as the hub of green economy,” says Somyo.

“We are very excited to be working with the DEDEAT on this programme. We believe it will gear all residents to the continual improvement of the quality of life in the Eastern Cape. The IWMSA’s KwaZulu Natal branch is already involved in a similar project and we are looking into rolling this very successful project out to the rest of the country as well,” says Dr Suzan Oelofse, President of the IWMSA.

Entrants are advised to submit any supporting information to assist in the review. This information can range from the company’s waste management or environmental policy statements and projects undertaken to address environmental management and cost savings.

For more information, please visit www.iwmsa.co.za or contact the IWMSA Eastern Cape branch at easterncape@iwmsa.co.za or 043 733 8349. IWMSA is also on Facebook, Twitter and LindedIn.

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