

MBA North member breaks decade-long KZN safety dominance

Master Builders Association (MBA) North members received three national awards in the annual Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) Construction Health & Safety Awards this year – including one award that has been won by a KZN MBA member for the past 10 years.

The MBA North members, winners of MBA North Regional Construction Health & Safety Awards, who went on to scoop national MBSA honours, are the Stefanutti Stocks and Basil Read JV for Kusile Power Station in the Contracts of over R500 million category (for the third time); Belo & Kies Construction for its work on the Newcastle Crossing Shopping Mall; and Tiber Construction for the Top Plant & Storage Yard for the company's Village Deep yard, south of Johannesburg.

Tiber's achievement was the first time an MBA North member had managed to wrest the national Top Plant & Storage Yard shield from a MBA KZN member after the province had 'owned' this category for the past decade.

Tiber contracts director, Mario de Carvalho, says that the company's success was achieved after many years of dedication to ensuring that the Tiber facility adhered totally to all prescribed Health and Safety requirements. "There were a few years when we narrowly missed the top national honours in this category. This year we were determined to grab the accolade.

"The Tiber yard personnel gave the safety initiative their full support. It was, in fact, a massive team effort that also included



Elated Tiber Construction staff (from left): Michael Nysschen, safety consultant; Peter Tyrrell, yard manager; Caroline Chauke, safety, health & environment representative; Hilton Chauke, assistant yard manager; Mario de Carvalho, contracts director; and José Correia, MD.

encouragement and assistance from top management. We now intend holding on to the MBSA Shield for many years to come," De Carvalho added.

Mohau Mphomela, executive director of MBA North, said: "This is gratifying, not only for the awards won, but also because it shows that our members are clearly aware that the health and safety of their employees are worth more than any financial gain from building projects." ■

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