

Top achievers in managing occupational health, safety and environmental risks

Of the more than a thousand industrial and mining workplaces audited by NOSA (National Occupational Safety Association) during the past 12 months, only 81 received the prestigious NOSCARS status for excellence in the field of occupational risk management.

The NOSCARS award remains the ultimate symbol of excellence in occupational risk management. Some 30 years ago, the NOSCARS awards were introduced by NOSA in order to conclusively demonstrate which companies are the "best of the best" in the field of occupational risk management. Inspired by the glamour and prestige attached to the Oscar Awards, NOSA decided to introduce the "NOSCARS"; this officially stands for National Occupational Safety Credited Awards.

Today, the NOSCARS is an acclaimed international award and the ultimate symbol of excellence in occupational risk management, the primary criterion being the degree to which companies are able to implement and manage the highest possible standards of risk management in the workplace.

This year's NOSCARS winners were honoured at a prestigious ceremony on Friday evening (07 May 2010) at Montecasino, Gauteng. Close to 250 guests witnessed the celebration of these outstanding achievements. Recognition was given to 81 companies for their continuous efforts, commitment and positive impact on society through maintaining a higher standard in the adoption of internationally recognised best practices in occupational safety, health and environmental risk management.

Two categories were rewarded, the traditional 'green' NOSCARS awards for the NOSA Five Star System (incorporating occupational health and safety), and the 'platinum' NOSCARS for achievements in implementing the NOSA Integrated Five Star System (incorporating occupational health, safety and environmental risk management).

Graded companies, exceeding the five star level, that have demonstrated continuous improvement in occupational risk management, qualify for NOSCARS status.

Eligible companies must meet the following stringent criteria:

- Be an overall winner of the NOSA regional competitions, or
- Comply with the following criteria, and maintain compliance for a period of three consecutive years:
 - “Effort” score of more than 95% (measured on the NOSA System Standards)
 - Disabling Injury Frequency Rate (DIFR) of less than 0.8
 - No fatal accidents
 - No diagnoses of an irreversible occupational health case
 - No major environmental incidents

However, should a company slip below the required criteria, the company forfeits its NOSCARS and it can take anything up to five years to regain NOSCARS eligibility and status.

Of the 81 winners, six were first-time NOSCARS recipients, a significant achievement, taking into consideration that it takes years of teamwork and commitment to be awarded the highest accolade in occupational risk management.

Of the winners, a total of 8 NOSCARS were awarded to ESKOM operations and an astonishing 39 NOSCARS to The South African Breweries Depots and Breweries.

Karbochem (Pty) Ltd in Sasolburg received its 28th NOSCARS – an outstanding achievement.

(See below – pages 4 & 5: full list of NOSCARS winners).

The Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology received their first NOSCARS. The number of mining and mining-related companies listed on NOSA’s recognition programmes are steadily increasing which demonstrates the commitment of the mining industry to effective risk management.

Royal Swazi Sugar Corporation received a special award, for the third consecutive year, for outstanding implementation and management of a HIV/Aids programme in the workplace.

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Captions for photographs attached:

NOSCAR 01 KARBOCHEM: *Karbochem (Pty) Ltd (Sasolburg), manufacturer of various types of synthetic rubber, receiving their 28th NOSCAR – the highest number of NOSCARs achieved – Gert Habig (Karbochem SHE, Emergency & Security Services Specialists), Duncan Carlisle, MICROMega Managing Director, Justin Hobday (NOSA Managing Director) and Rita Burger (Karbochem Occupational Health Nurse)*

NOSCAR 02: *Representatives from the company Jet Demolition (Pty) Ltd (controlled explosive and mechanical demolition specialists) – recipients of a 7th NOSCAR for the category: health & safety*

NOSCAR 03: *Winner of a 5th NOSCAR – Idwala Sales & Distribution, serving the industrial minerals and lime niche markets. From left: Duncan Carlisle (MICROMega Holdings Managing Director, Logan Govender (Idwala Sales & Distribution General Manager), Justin Hobday (NOSA Managing Director)*

NOSCAR 04: *Dudu Motsa from The Royal Swazi Sugar Corporation receiving the 3rd NOSCAR (category – best HIV/Aids Management System) from NOSA Managing Director, Justin Hobday.*

Background information - NOSCAR awards:

Some 30 years ago, the NOSCAR awards were introduced by NOSA (National Occupational Safety Association) in order to conclusively demonstrate which companies are the "best of the best" in the field of operational risk management. Inspired by the glamour and prestige attached to the Oscar Awards, NOSA decided to introduce the "NOSCARs", this officially stands for National Occupational Safety Credited Awards. Today, the NOSCAR is an acclaimed international award and the ultimate symbol of excellence in occupational risk management, the primary criterion being the degree to which companies are able to implement and manage the highest possible standards of risk management in the workplace.

Background information – NOSA:

Managing workplace risks requires standards and systems that allow for continuous improvement. Continuous improvement requires measurement. NOSA offers solutions for operational risk management, including training, certification and third-party auditing. For more information, visit www.nosa.co.za.

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NOSCAR winners 2010:

NOSCAR WINNERS 2010 (List published by NOSA)	NUMBER OF NOSCARS WON	CATEGORY H&S = HEALTH & SAFETY SH&E = SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
Eskom Peaking Portfolio Port Rex Power Station	1st NOSCAR	SH&E
Jeff Dyer Wildfire Services cc	1st NOSCAR	H&S
Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology	1st NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Butterworth	1st NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Rustenburg depot	1st NOSCAR	SH&E
Zimasco (PVT) Ltd Head Office	1st NOSCAR	SH&E
Amalgamated Beverages Industries - The Soft drink division of The South African Breweries Limited - Welkom Depot	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd Witbank	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
Bramol Project Management (Pty) Ltd - Richards Bay	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
Forestry Plant & Equipment CC	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Phuthaditjhaba Depot	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Potchefstroom Depot	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Queenstown Depot	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Upington Depot	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
SGB Cape - Richards Bay a Division of Waco Africa (Pty) Ltd	2nd NOSCAR	H&S
Zimasco (PVT) Ltd Head Office	2nd NOSCAR	SH&E
Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd Sasolburg	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
Eskom Holdings Limited Generation Division Kendal Power Station	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
Eskom Holdings Limited Peaking Generation Acacia Power Station	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
International Mining Logistics and Services (Pty) Ltd	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
Karbochem (Pty) Ltd Newcastle	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Standerton Depot	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Tzaneen Depot	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
SABS Mining and Minerals (Pty) Ltd	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Thohoyandou Beer Distributors	3rd NOSCAR	SH&E
African Amines (Pty) Ltd Newcastle	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd Head Office	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
Karrena Africa A Division of Grinaker - LTA Limited	4th NOSCAR	H&S
The South African Breweries Limited Dwarsloop Beer Distributors	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Groblersdal Depot	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Mafikeng Depot	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Polokwane Depot	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
Tongaat Hulett Sugar Limited Maidstone Mill	4th NOSCAR	SH&E
Eskom Holdings Limited Peaking Generation Vanderkloof Power Station	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
Exxaro Namakwa Sands	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
Idwala Sales & Distribution	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
Industrial Water Cooling	5th NOSCAR	H&S
Manganese Metal Company	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
Quality Products (Pty) Ltd	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Bloemfontein Depot	5th NOSCAR	SH&E

The South African Breweries Limited Belville Depot	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Chamdor Depot	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Hops Farms (Pty) Ltd	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Isando Depot	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Kimberley Depot	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Wadeville Depot	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
Transnet Port Terminals Car Terminal, East London A Division of Transnet Limited	5th NOSCAR	SH&E
Fresh Produce Terminal (Pty) Ltd Durban	6th NOSCAR	SH&E
Masonite (Africa) Limited Forestry Division	6th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Denver Depot	6th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Garankuwa Depot	6th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Knysna Depot	6th NOSCAR	SH&E
Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd Port Elizabeth	7th NOSCAR	SH&E
Air Products SA (Pty) Ltd Cape Town	7th NOSCAR	SH&E
AUMA SA (Pty) Ltd	7th NOSCAR	H&S
IPSCO (Pty) Ltd	7th NOSCAR	SH&E
Jet Demolition (Pty) Ltd	7th NOSCAR	H&S
The South African Breweries Limited Vereeniging Depot	7th NOSCAR	SH&E
Tongaat Hulett Sugar Limited Tambankulu Estates	7th NOSCAR	SH&E
Transnet Port Terminals Car Terminal, Durban A Division of Transnet Limited	7th NOSCAR	SH&E
De Beers Marine Namibia (Pty) Ltd	8th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Baragwanath Depot	8th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Nelspruit Depot	8th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Ottery Depot	8th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Pietermaritzburg Depot	8th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Ibayi Brewery and Perseverance Depot	9th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Ladysmith Depot	9th NOSCAR	SH&E
Eskom Holdings Limited Peaking Generation Palmiet Pump Storage Scheme	10th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Empangeni Depot	10th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Kuruman Depot	10th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Polokwane Brewery	10th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Prospecton Brewery	10th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Waltloo Depot	10th NOSCAR	SH&E
Eskom Holdings Limited Peaking Generation Drakensberg Pump Storage Scheme	11th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Alrode Depot	11th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Training Institute	11th NOSCAR	SH&E
Transnet Rail Engineering Wagon Maintenance Vandyksdrif	11th NOSCAR	SH&E
Koeberg Nuclear Power Station A Division of Eskom Holdings Limited	12th NOSCAR	SH&E
The South African Breweries Limited Springfield Depot	14th NOSCAR	SH&E
Eskom Holdings Limited Generation Division Lethabo Power Station	15th NOSCAR	SH&E
Karbochem (Pty) Ltd Sasolburg	28th NOSCAR	SH&E
Royal Swazi Sugar Corporation	3rd	Special Certificate for HIV/Aids Management System