

# African Access National Business Awards names Kumba as winner

Late last week, the African Access National Business Awards announced that Kumba Iron Ore won the 2011 Top Performing Company of the Year Award at its annual presentation. The awards night was bigger, following expansion to include awards for the country's top stokvel and special recognition for the most impressive growth by SMMEs and larger companies.



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The awards, presented by Mateli Mpuntsha of African Access Holdings included Top Performing Entrepreneur of the Year, Brett Levy of Blue Label Telecoms, Top Performing Businesswoman of the Year, Carol Weaving of Thebe Exhibitions & Projects Group and Top Performing Businessman of the Year, Andrew Mills of Boxer Superstores. In all, 20 category winners received acknowledgment.

Chris Griffith, Kumba Ore's CEO, noted, "External recognition such as this is prized as it provides independent confirmation that our strategies are appropriate and positions us for sustained success in challenging business conditions.

"The company is driven not only by the business imperative of making profit, but a wider vision of responsible stewardship of the natural resources we mine with proper regard for the communities impacted by our operations.

"This award is tangible indication that we continue to make measurable progress toward our goal of using best practice to deliver the best possible value to the business and its stakeholders while striving for the best possible societal and environmental outcome."

Shaun Battlemann, CEO of event sponsor African Access Holdings, commented: "Tonight's awards have made a strong statement by putting the spotlight on business sustainability and the need to make a contribution to all stakeholders and

society at large while bolstering the bottom line.

Further congratulations came from Ralf Fletcher, CEO of Topco Media, publishers of South Africa's Top Performing Companies, driving force behind the awards programme.

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