

MEDIA STATEMENT :

ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED IN DURBAN

Twenty two projects received the **Corobrik SAIA Award of Merit** at a Gala Function at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre Durban on Saturday 16 February 2008.

The Institute's awards programme is intended to promote excellence in the art, science, research and practice of architecture, as well as to promote public awareness of fine architecture. The programme runs over a two-year cycle, starting with Regional Awards for Architecture which were announced in 2007 and culminating in the announcement of the Awards for Excellence later this year.

The current process sees the Corobrik SAIA Award of Merit conferred on buildings, which are held to be outstanding examples of architecture. The projects that are being recognised are:

- **EPA STUDIO**
16 The Boulevard, Westway Office Park, Westville, Durban
for **JAVA TRENCH (PTY) LTD** by
ELPHICK PROOME ARCHITECTS

- **'DOCKPOINT' – RESTORATION OF ROW HOUSES**
Ballard Street, Wellington Road, Patterson Street, Durban
for **BLUE PLUM DEVELOPMENTS (PTY) LTD** by
EMMETT : EMMETT ARCHITECTS CC

- **PROUD HERITAGE CAMPUS**
20 | 37 Rustic Close, Briardene, Durban
for **PROUD HERITAGE PROPERTIES (PTY) LTD** by
DON ALBERT & PARTNERS

- **NEW LABORATORY COMPLEX AT SASOL MIDLANDS**
Sasol Midlands, Sasolburg
for **SASOL NITRO - A DIVISION OF SASOL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED** by
GELDENHUYS & JOOSTE ARCHITECTS

- **REFURBISHMENT OF THE MAIN BUILDING**
Campus of the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein
for the **UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE** by
BANNIE BRITZ ARGITEK & STEDELIKE ONTWERPER

- **TOLPLAN HEAD OFFICE, LYNWOOD**
C/O Kiepersol & The Rand Roads, Lynwood
for **TOLPLAN PROPERTIES (PTY) LTD** by
THOMAS GOUWS ARCHITECTS

- **HOUSE ROSA – ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS**
46 Charles Street, Brooklyn
for **LORY ROSA & SARITA RHEEDER** by
COMRIE + WILKINSON ARCHITECTS & URBAN DESIGNERS

- **THE LOFT HOUSE**
11A Barnstable Road, Lynnwood Manor
for **CHRISTELLE VAN DER WESTHUIZEN** by
STREY ARCHITECTS

- **HOUSE LANGENHOVEN**
 Plot 13 Twin Rivers, Irene
 for **CORNE & KARIN LANGENHOVEN** by
GARY WHITE AND ASSOCIATES
- **IGODA VIEW HOUSE**
 Portion 1, Farm 1009, Igoda, East London
 for **DIAMOND IGODA VIEW (PTY) LTD** by
omm DESIGN WORKSHOP CC
- **HOUSE LANGHAM**
 Erf 10 Hoek Street, Cape Infanta
 for **ANDREW & FIONA LANGHAM** by
MICHELE SANDILANDS
- **FYNBOS HOUSE**
 2053 Court Way, Bettys Bay, Cnr Port Way & Porter Drive
 for **RAPIDOUGH PROPERTIES CC** by
SARAH CALBURN ARCHITECTS
- **WEAVERS NEST**
 Weavers Nest Oranjezicht, and 16 Higgo Road, Oranjezicht
 for **EULALIE SPAMER** by
SONJA PETRUS SPAMER ARCHITECTS
- **ELLA STREET HOUSES**
 3 Ella Street, Bo Kaap, Cape Town
 for **PHILIP STIEKEMA** by
TEAM ARCHITECTS
- **HOUSE "J"**
 18 Victory Rd, Simonstown, Cape Town
 for a **PRIVATE CLIENT** by
TEAM ARCHITECTS with **KEVIN FELLINGHAM ARCHITECTS**
- **MOUNTAIN & SEA HOUSE CAPE PENINSULA**
 Cape Holly Drive, De Goede Hoop Estate, Noordhoek
 for **RICHARD BOWSHER & MONIQUE SCHIESS** by
VISSER THOMAS ARCHITECTS
- **WILLOW BRIDGE LIFESTYLE CENTRE**
 Crl Cronje Drive, Durbanville
 for **MINI CAPE DEVELOPMENTS (EPS KAGISO INTAPROP JV)** by
VIVID ARCHITECTS
- **STONE HOUSE**
 Jollifying 38, Mooikloof, Pretoria
 For the **TAURUS FAMILY TRUST** by
SLEE & CO ARCHITECTS
- **NEW STUDIO AT KROMDRAAI**
 Kromdraai Valley Farm, Cradle of Humankind, Gauteng
 for **VELRIDGE INVESTMENTS** by
LOUIS LOUW JOHAN BERGENTHUIJN ARCHITECTS
- **COURTYARDS ON OXFORD**
 25 Oxford Rd, Forest Town, Johannesburg
 for **G & C SHELF 63 (PTY) LTD & BLUE HORIZON** by
studioMAS ARCHITECTS & URBAN DESIGNERS

▪ **RED LOCATION MUSEUM**

Red Location Cultural Precinct, Red Location, New Brighton,
for the **CITY OF PORT ELIZABETH** by

NOERO WOLFF ARCHITECTS in association with **JOHN BLAIR ARCHITECTS**

▪ **NEW BEACH HOUSE AT PLETTENBERG BAY**

Robberg Beach, Plettenberg Bay

for **NAMMA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** by

omm DESIGN WORKSHOP CC

Mr Hassan Asmal, President of the SA Institute of Architects, convened the panel of adjudicators. Other members of the panel were Aziz Tayob, a prominent award-winning architect; Prof Roger Fisher, architect, critic and academic; Paul Kgole, immediate past president of SABTACO and Peter du Trevou, MD of Corobrik, who participated in the adjudication on behalf of the sponsor.

The jurors visited 45 projects over a period of three weeks and of these 22 were conferred with the Corobrik SAIA Award of Merit.

The process of evaluation is that of peer review and the selection represents the views and concerns of the panel members, who agreed that the projects which received the 2007/2008 Corobrik SAIA Award of Merit were significant in that most of them expressed a strong sense of spaciality while respecting the specific needs of the client. Evidence of maturity in design approach was also discernable in the confident manner in which details were resolved and new ideas explored.

The results have also seen a number of first time winners which is most encouraging and which in the opinion of some members of the panel is indicative of an emerging generation of Architects whose work reflects a shift in approach to that seen in past years. This willingness to explore new ideas while maintaining the highest standards is most encouraging. The needs and challenges that arise as a result of the developing nature of South Africa as a country and Africa as a continent will require us to be creative and innovative as we develop future responses to our interventions in the built environment.

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