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EDITOR'S NOTE

This is now, that was then

I started to work with Spencer when he had a ponytail! That was in 2003...

Apart from all the other attributes that Spencer brings to the Institute, for me he is a mentor (and I know for a lot of other people too), silent Steel Construction editor, advisor and bigshoulder-person when I need one. So Spencer's well deserved honorary membership made me think about the old times. Not the ancient times when Spencer was still a contractor, but like a few years ago when I started my job at the Institute (maybe not such a good joke but no insult is intended anyway).

The Institute was still located in the Metal Industries House on the 7th floor in the Johannesburg CBD area, where we had a view of the now vanished mine dumps and now dismantled Top Star Drive-in's screen. But the burnt orange look was already there as well as the 'energy' that still characterises the Institute. We were six employees plus the ISF director – we are now 12 (some as part-time consultants) and occupy modern offices in Parktown and we have credit card facilities!

Steel Awards still has the same spirit, I think. We are still trying to choose a winner that makes us, the project team and our audience proud of the steel construction industry of South Africa. Our party has grown exponentially though, in 2003 the budget was R200 000 for the whole thing (adjudication, video production and dinners in Johannesburg and Durban), now it is well over 1.5 million rand. It has probably got to do with Hennie's comment after each Steel Awards function: "So that was fun, how can we make it better part year?"

That was then, this is now and what lies ahead? Only the future will tell, but at least let us build a sustainable world so that there is a future to look forward to.

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By Dr Hennie de Clercq, Executive Director, SAISC

One may criticise whether anybody should build a coal fired power station in this day and age, but once somebody has decided to do so the least that can be done is to use the greenest possible materials and construction processes. Steel then becomes the logical material...

STEEL'S LIGHT FOOTPRINT ON HEAVY STRUCTURES

Some 90% of the carbon footprint of many durable things comes from their use during their lifetimes, and only a small fraction from their manufacture or construction.

Making a car has a significant environmental impact, with a lot of carbon dioxide produced during the extraction of the steel, aluminium, plastics and other materials and the process of manufacturing the vehicle. But if one subtracts from this quantity the benefit that comes from recycling the metals at the end of its life, it would be safe to say that by the time the car has some 100 000km on the clock more than ten times as much ${\rm CO_2}$ will have been produced from burning fuel.

It follows that our emphasis should be on making our cars, buildings, power stations and other things to produce as little green house gasses as possible during their lifetimes. Even more fundamental, we should ask how to transport people and goods, accommodate people or generate energy with as little environmental impact as possible, or even avoid doing any of these whenever possible.

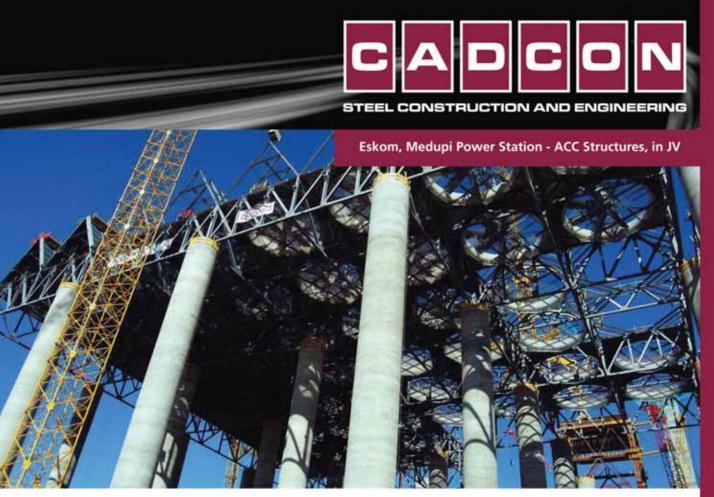
The construction industry, excluding the engineers and architects who plan and design industrial processes and buildings, has little influence on what will be made and built. But once it has been decided to build any facility the question becomes how to do so with the smallest possible carbon footprint. Construction may account for less than 10% of the facility's whole life production of greenhouse gasses, but it is still highly significant.

This is where the use of steel in the construction of our new power stations becomes vital. One may criticise whether anybody should build a coal fired power station in this day and age, but once somebody has decided to do so the least that can be done is to use the greenest possible materials and construction processes. Steel then becomes the logical material, because relatively little of it is used in comparison with what would have been needed if other materials were used. The steel is eminently recyclable at the end of the project and transportation is kept to a minimum, etc. All this boils down to a relatively small carbon footprint. In addition, steel scores high in terms of the other two elements of sustainability: steel construction leads to many decent jobs and thus a positive social impact, while it also has a highly beneficial effect on the economy at large.

Most important in deciding what material to use is the question of what it means for the future. Will the thing one builds serve this and future generations well? Consider also that steel can be recycled many times, without losing any of its quality, and when you recycle it less energy (and so a smaller carbon footprint) is required. Thus every ton of steel produced constitutes an investment future generations will benefit from.

Thinking about these issues just makes it absolutely clear: STEEL LEAVES A LEGACY.

Each of the projects entered for this year's Steel Awards and featured in this journal demonstrates the sustainability of steel in some way or another; together they and the steel in them carry a bit of our legacy to our children.



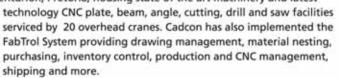
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The SAISC has aptly termed the 2012 Steel Awards 'Green'. As an industry, and as corporate citizens with accountability, it is the responsibility of each of us, no matter what capacity we hold, to ensure that our environment is sustainable. Steel is the backbone of the construction industry. It is used in the development of infrastructure on a global scale. Considering the impact the product has, it is increasingly important to ensure our impact remains positive in all aspects of our work.

Structural steel has, for some time now, been considered a leading green construction material. Steel is reused and recycled many times without loss of quality, whereas traditional materials would be disposed of. The focus now is not only steel construction, but steel deconstruction; this highlights the reusable and recyclable qualities of the product. Further to this, steel buildings are durable and less damaging to the environment than traditional construction. Steel buildings can help combat the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect, and are cost-effective and sustainable.

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The design development stage involves detailed energy modelling for thermal comfort and energy performance which is tracked throughout the design phase. A 10% renewable energy source has been included in the design with a Four Star minimum Green Building Rating by the Green Building Council of South Africa.

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STEEL AND LEAVES ON THE TABLES AT STFFL AWARDS 2012

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Marlé Lötter, Chief Project Manager of Steel Awards The SAISC is certainly not famous for having flower arrangements on the tables at the annual Steel Awards dinner. It was therefore guite exceptional when Spencer suggested the Spekboom as a centre piece. Here is some information about these exceptional plants that graced the tables at all the venues along with a diverse selection of miniature succulents.

Common name: PORKBUSH, ELEPHANTS FOOD, Spekboom (Afr), Intelezi (Zu), Igqwanitsha (Xho)

Scientific name: Portulacaria afra

Description:

- Perennial
- Indigenous to South Africa, especially the Eastern and Western Cape
- Attractive evergreen succulent shrub/ small tree that can reach 1.5 2m in height when planted in the garden
- Small round succulent leaves, red stems and bears tiny star-shaped pink flowers in late winter to spring
- Is found on rocky slopes and dry river valleys water wise and fire wise
- Full sun/ semi shade and can tolerate light frost when mature
- Makes a handsome and hardy bonsai
- Has been indicated as a soil binder to prevent soil erosion

Culinary uses:

- The leaves are edible and have a sour or tart flavour.
- Put a leaf under your tongue when you are thirsty.

(Clearly the organisers were visualising great savings on the menu for the Steel Awards dinner, not to mention the bar bill!)

Other uses:

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- Source of ostrich feed; backbone to the goat industry; cattle eat it too
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- Valuable source for paper pulp

The Spekboom has become quite 'famous' for its ability to convert big quantities of carbon dioxide into oxygen. Research shows that 1ha of Spekboom can covert carbon dioxide to an average of 4.2t of oxygen per year.

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John da Silva (Jnr) is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cosira Group and has established himself as an innovative leader in the African construction industry. He started his career with Cosira as a quality control inspector in 1993. Later, armed with a BSc from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MBA (Cum Laude) from Milpark Business School (South Africa), he committed to extending the Group's Pan-African footprint.

The Cosira Group provides SMPP turnkey project and construction solutions for the mining, industrial, power generation and petrochemical industries across Sub-Saharan Africa. Through its various divisions, Cosira handles all aspects of a project which include construction management, planning, detailing, fabrication, piping fabrication and erection, corrosion protection, plant and logistics, site erection as well as commissioning.

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The company has recently been awarded with a number of prestigious contracts in the power generation and mining industries locally, and at the same time has consistently grown its pan-African footprint where currently 50% of its projects are across border.

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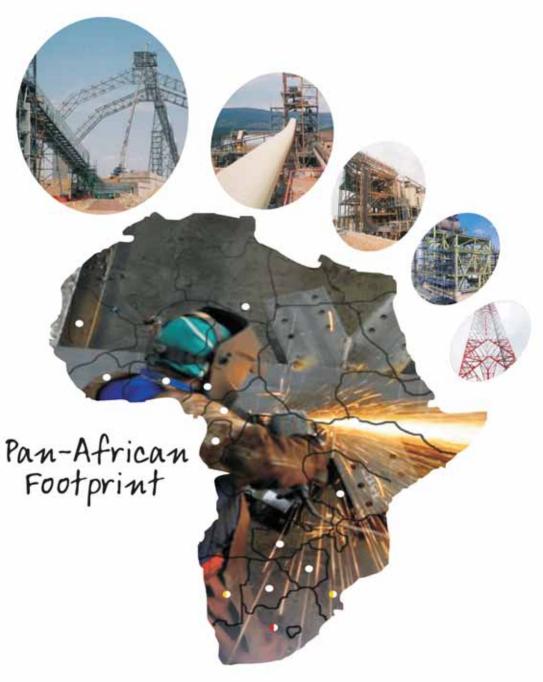












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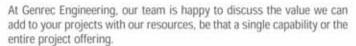




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THE STEEL MILLS ARE BIG SPONSORS OF THE SAISC

By Dr Hennie de Clercq, Executive Director, SAISC

But this is also a time to thank those who sponsor the Institute on an ongoing basis, not necessarily associated with events, namely the steel mills, and ArcelorMittal SA and Evraz Highveld Steel and Vanadium in particular.

In this issue of Steel Construction we celebrate the sponsors of Steel Awards. Without their sponsorship this event would be too expensive for many people to attend. Although we aim to give our sponsors maximum exposure during the whole Steel Awards campaign, most companies who attend the function and bring their clients along may not fully appreciate the magnitude of the top sponsorships or give much thought to the fact that it would have been impossible for many to do so if it were not for the generous sponsorships. Those attending the Steel Awards dinners may also not know the additional contribution some of the sponsors make with respect to the décor and the ambience of the evening, bringing a lot of creativity to bear on the subject.

One appreciates that these companies are not in the game for charity. Company managers make decisions, as they should, on what they regard as being in the interest of their companies. Sponsorships bring their companies exposure and an image as responsible corporate citizens. They get value for their money. Nevertheless, the steel construction industry owes a gift of thanks to the sponsors.

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The SAISC generates more than 50% of its income through its activities – courses, events, book sales, advertising and, yes, sponsorships. Membership fees account for only about 10%. Close to 40% then comes from the mills. One way of seeing this, and we argue the right way, is to regard their contributions as being set aside from the cost of each ton of steel before it is sent into the market, as a sort of levy. However, one can easily visualise that the senior management of a mill can see this as money diverted from the company's coffers, and we have to recognise their wisdom and social-mindedness in not doing so.

Ultimately though, if the Institute does not deliver, if its brand is of little value and people are not eager to associate with it, few sponsorships of any kind will be received. In this way sponsorships become a barometer of how the Institute is regarded by the industry. No wonder then that the Board and management of the SAISC have to do all in their power to ensure that any sponsor ends up feeling that their money was well spent.

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The day he arrived at the Institute in 2001 was the day I knew we would make something exceptional of this organisation. What made him special was the fact that he had a deep knowledge of just about every aspect of steel construction – design, fabrication, erection, contracting, everything.



Spencer at his infamous desk...

When the Board of the Institute decided to award honorary membership to Spencer I insisted on writing this citation, because it is an honour for me to do it.

I tend to look at Spencer through steel eyes, though not steely eyes, and I am sure everybody will understand when I come to the conclusion that this man was designed and fabricated just for us as an Institute and the steel construction industry.

It started right from an early age, when as a diminutive kid in Johannesburg he had to learn to survive in the cruel world of children on his wits, his personality and his relationships. After Parktown Boys High his wits took him to Wits and later to UCT, studying civil engineering and business management. After a year in Dorman Long's design office he was finally equipped with the basic knowledge to get on the first rung of the steel construction industry, and take his first steps along the road to the Institute.

In 1969 Spencer joined Speedy Welders, the steel fabricating company established by his father Bert, his role model for honesty, fairness and hard work. As a smallish fabricator Speedy offered the ideal environment for learning about literally every aspect of steel construction: detailing, general



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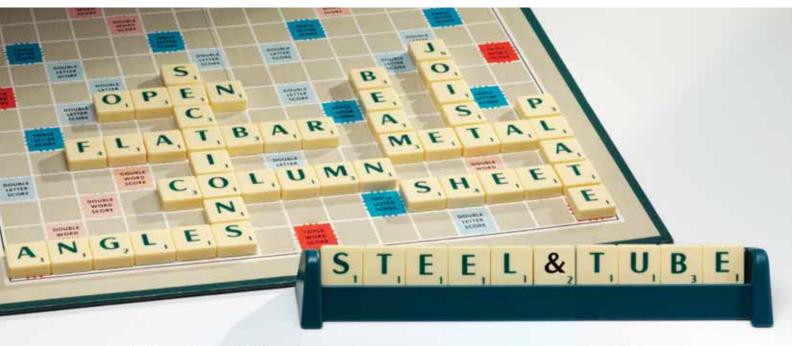
management, human relations, erection, fabrication, estimating and everything else, especially the money side of things.

Twenty years after Spencer's arrival, and some 10 years after he became MD, he sold Speedy Welders when his father retired and his brother emigrated to the US. Spencer moved on to join the much bigger Girder Naco where his wide knowledge and experience caused him to become responsible for many things, including

estimating and tendering, construction, exports and technical matters. I was a consulting engineer at the time and had the opportunity to work with him on several projects, including export projects to the Middle East and a major project at what was then Jan Smuts Airport where he showed me what it means to be a professional steelwork contractor.

Eleven years after Spencer arrived at Girder Naco he decided to move on realising there was more to life than work 7 days and 5 nights a week, this time to OmniStruct (now Omni Struct Nkosi), where he spent only eight months before deciding to join the SAISC. The day he arrived at the Institute in 2001 was the day I knew we would make something exceptional of this organisation.

What made him special was the fact that he had a deep knowledge of just about every aspect of steel construction – design, fabrication, erection, contracting, everything. And while one may find other people who can boast a similar range of knowledge and skills, there are few who have read widely, think analytically about every aspect, and can communicate



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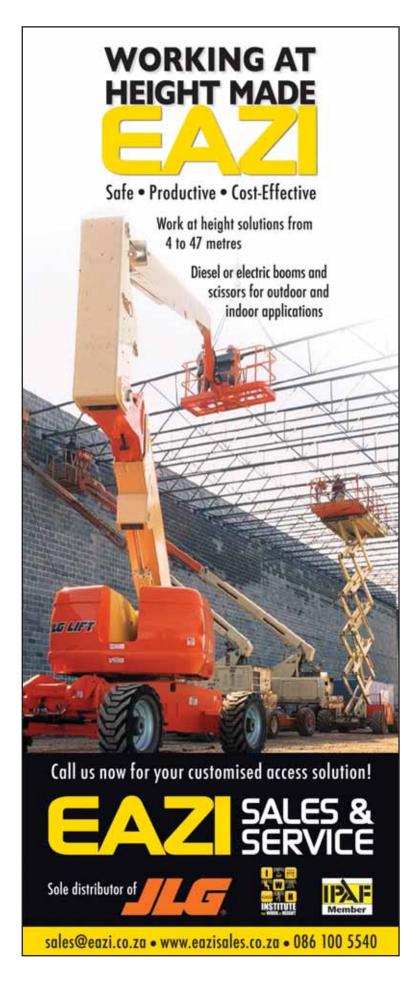
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this knowledge effectively to others in writing or lecturing. He has an exceptional ability to convey knowledge to everybody from the least informed to those who are leaders in industry or the professions. Before he joined us Spencer had already become a highly respected person in the steel construction industry and further afield through his personality, knowledge and social mindedness. He had been a member of the Board of the Institute for many years, and was our Chairman in 1988 and 1989 as well as chairman of the finance committee for many years. Over the years he served society, the industry and the civil engineering profession in many ways, among others as the Chairman of the Joint Structural Division of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

In eleven years at the Institute, Spencer has grown to be one of the most respected engineers in the country. He is recognised as a veritable source of knowledge and wisdom. He has a huge circle of friends across the world and wherever he goes people respect him profoundly. His contribution to steel construction is inestimable. But then one has to take into account that if you get Spencer you actually get two people in tandem!

The other one on the tandem is Spencer's wife Hazel, an artist who mainly works in oils and watercolours. Spencer met Hazel in 1970 and they have been together since. Whenever possible Hazel has joined him on site visits and more recently on Steel Awards judging visits. She is well known to many of you. They have two daughters, Ghita and Toni.

I implore Spencer to concentrate during the remainder of his career on transmitting his knowledge to others, thus even further increasing his footprint and the size of his legacy and thus the legacy of steel.

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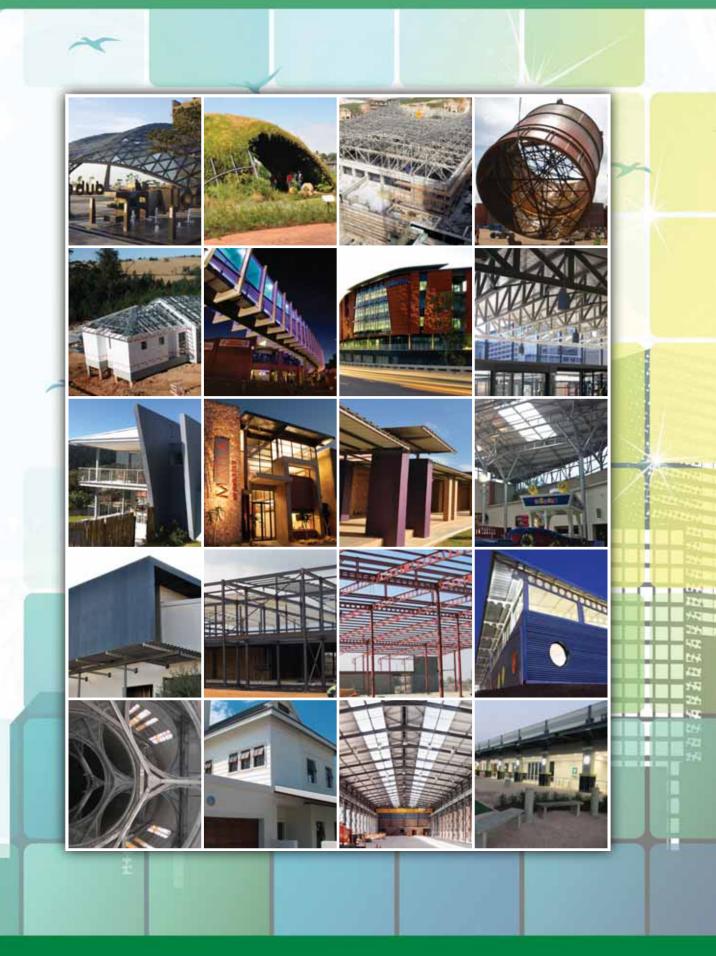












entries

OVERALL WINNER

AND MINING & INDUSTRIAL CATEGORY WINNER: Medupi Power Station Chimney Structural Steelwork

By Spencer Erling, Education Director, SAISC

The judges decided to combine the entries into one and in their combined nature they make a great project that not only stood out in their entry category but also when compared with other category winners, and scored the highest marks for the most important criteria for Steel Awards - excellence in the use of structural steel. It is also the first award made to the new series of power generation facilities and the judges look forward to lots of entries in the coming years.

It is a long time since a Steel Awards Overall Winner was chosen from the category award winners. In spite of strong challenges from the other four category winners, the Mining and Industrial Category winner stood (well 213 metres) out above the rest.

The judges looked at the two entries from two different nominating companies but they were clearly integrally linked in the end product. Firstly, there was the platform steelwork designed to give access for future maintenance, to assist in overall erection inside the concrete chimney and to support the hanging mass of three 9 metre diameter ceramic lined flues and a concrete roof to the chimneys. The second entry was the actual steel cans that make up the flues.

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So what makes a "few fish bellied girders" into an award winner structure?

In their nature, the platforms which surround the three 9 metre diameter cans, lead to a conceptual layout which rely on 3 radial beams (17 metres long) joined together in a "central 3-way jointing connection fabrication" capable of transferring the forces and moments.





The outer ends of these 3 radial beams connect to 3 across the arc beams to carry the loads back to and on top of 3 relatively short beams. These shorter 'corbel beams' are supported on concrete corbels built into the concrete chimney walls. The corbel beams allowed for construction tolerance to marry the steel and concrete together.

Once this main spine and support system has been resolved, the secondary beams are framed into these main girders providing support for the grating floors that are shaped to accommodate the circular openings to allow the cans to pass through the floors.

The upper 205 metre level, carrying the hanging mass of the lined flues, is thus the heaviest level with the largest girder profiles.

These complicated girders were not only built to meet the stringent straightness of web and flange tolerances, but they all fitted perfectly from the first trail erection. The professional capability of the fabricator is expressed in this clearly excellent use of steelwork.

OK, so now we know why the platforms are special, but what makes the fabrication of a "few big diameter pipes" into an award winning project?

Firstly get rid of the word 'big' pipes and replace it with 'enormous' pipes. Then start to think of 120 such fabrications, over 1 kilometre in total length. Each can is 9 metres in diameter made from stiffened 8 mm thick plates originally intended to be site welded. The 18 upper most cans are made up out of stainless steel because of its corrosion resistance properties as these cans will be exposed to acid corrosion.

Introduce the suggestion from the steelwork fabricator to change them into a site bolted and seal welded construction and now we are into a whole new ball game. Once this decision was reached the next decision was to make the sub-cans into

9 metre lengths (based on 3 metre wide plates) with bolted flanges. The circumferential length is made by joining 3 plates.

And now for the brilliant bit that makes the fabrication process on site special and worthy of an award.

Bring every plate required to site cut to size, edges prepared for welding requirements and rolled to the right radius. Thereafter the work then becomes an assembly line ala Henry Ford. A few other great ideas came out of the 'steelwork' namely:

- Jig drill every flange so that any 9 metre can will fit to any other 9 metre can irrespective of when it was made so you no longer have to ensure that piece 1 fits to piece 2 which fits to piece 3 etc. making stock-keeping a non-event.
- Assemble the first 3 metre strake with its flange and/or stiffeners in the vertical direction and complete the vertical up welds. Just one specialist welder is used to execute these welds.
- 3. Keep the circular shape within tolerance with two levels of spiders. A person who really understands steel detailing, and has knowledge of construction makes sure every connection has two holes in them. The first hole is used to align the holes so that the one and only required bolt gets inserted into the second hole and tightened. The first hole remains open!

"The role of the main contractor was critical to the success of the overall project and is certainly recognised in this article. In particular Lourens Pieters of Grinaker–LTA, but acting as project manager for the Karrena – Concor Joint Venture, has played a pivotal role in the success of the project. The judging team and the video production team will attest to the fantastic support he has given to them to get their side of Steel Awards done. I am sure that what we experienced is what his clientele experience, a quiet, exceptionally imaginative and competent engineer who is proud of his achievements and goes 'lots of those extra miles'. Thank you Lourens!"

- 4. Now turn this suitably stiffened strake from vertical to the horizontal.
- 5. The next strake gets assembled and is also turned to horizontal before layering it onto the first strake. Ditto for the 3rd strake.
- 6. Now we have a 9 metre long x 9 metre diameter pipe which is on a rotating manipulator.
- 7. To do the circumferential welding, the manipulator turns the cans in one direction, a submerged arc welding machine is driven at the same speed in the opposite direction so it is effectively standing still and always welding in the optimal vertically down position.
- 8. Surely this is a first in 'plate work' fabrication that has changed the traditional 'hard work methods' employed for decades into a carefully thought out and planned highly effective assembly line production route?

From an environmental consideration point of view the complete flue system is designed to capture any sulphur dioxide (which turns into an acid once mixed with water) in this final stage of gas discharge.

As a result of all this great planning and application this project has run on time. What a great achievement.

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This project is living proof that applied correctly hazard and risk assessment, good training and reminding workers about safety can lead to extraordinary results. In both the fabrication shops and in/on the site of the chimneys, safety is diligently and intelligently applied. As a visitor to the site it is reassuring that here is "safety at work" in the work place the key watchwords being "Home without harm, everyone everyday".

JUDGES' COMMENT

In spite of strong competition from the other four category winners, the fabrication of these complex platforms and cans for the flues for the Medupi Chimneys truly showed the 'wow factor' that always separates winners from 'also-ran's' in Steel Awards.

■ Demanding quality requirements to exceptionally tight programmes are the hallmark of both the platform steelwork and the cans for the flues on these world-class chimneys.



- Good old fashioned hard work based on good workshop skills result in these complicated platforms fitting perfectly despite the complicated layout of the floors.
- The starting point for the excellent use of steel in the can fabrication is the contractors promoting a design change from a fully welded chimney liner to a flanged and bolted system which was then seal welded after bolting and tightening.

A truly excellent alternative design offer followed by a detail design and implementation process, for what must surely be the first assembly lines for cans together with such complicated platform steelwork, make this a truly deserving Overall Winner of Steel Awards.

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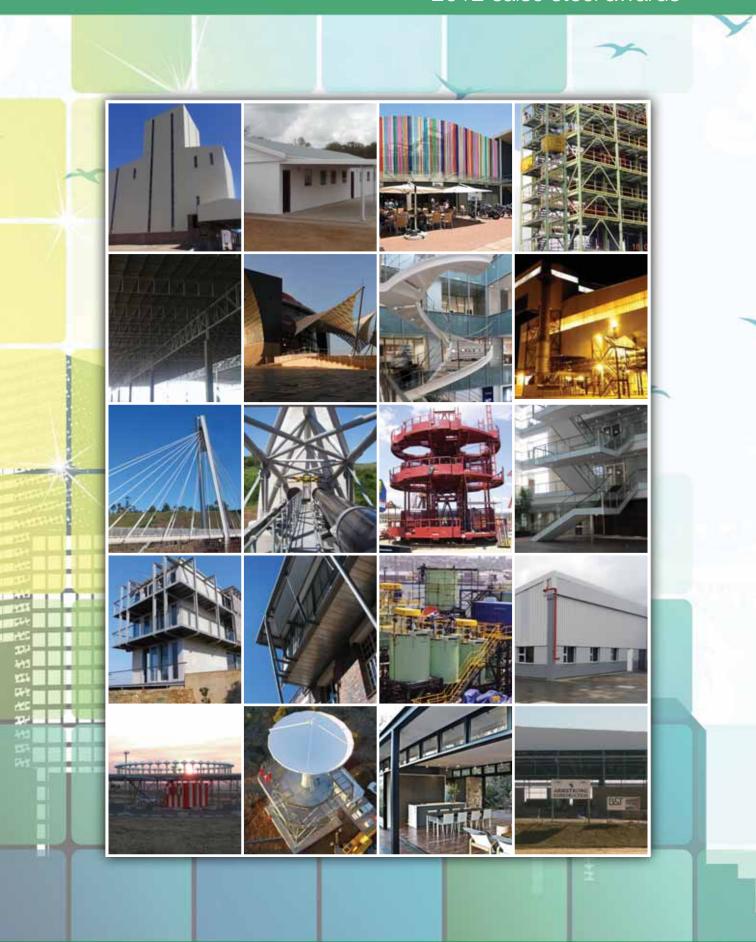
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The only way to sift through the entries was firstly to look at each one and ask the question – does this entry score high on the criteria set for Steel Awards? And, do we give these photographs the benefit of the doubt? (Nominators, please send good descriptive photographs!) Then only could the judges say: "Yes, we need to go and have a look at this one."

We went to the usual Gauteng and KZN regions, but also visited Bloemfontein, Makapanstad and Lephalale in search of the winner. Even after that the judges were still keeping an open mind. If I may talk out of the boardroom, the final meeting was one of the more intense ones I've experienced in the few years I got to be the 'fly on the wall'.

THE JUDGES OF **STEEL AWARDS** 2012

By Reneé Pretorius, Convener of the judges no. 2

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into...



STEEL AWARDS 2012



But ultimately it got down to does it answer to the ultimate criterion – express excellence in the use of structural steel?

So I hope all the armchair judges out there agree with this panel of judges that had their task cut out for them.

The judging panel for 2012 comprised of:

Franco Mordini

Association of Steel Tube and Pipe Manufacturers of South Africa (ASTPM)

Lemaseya Khama

South African Institute of Architects (SAIA)

Johann Nel

South African Iron and Steel Institute (SAISI)

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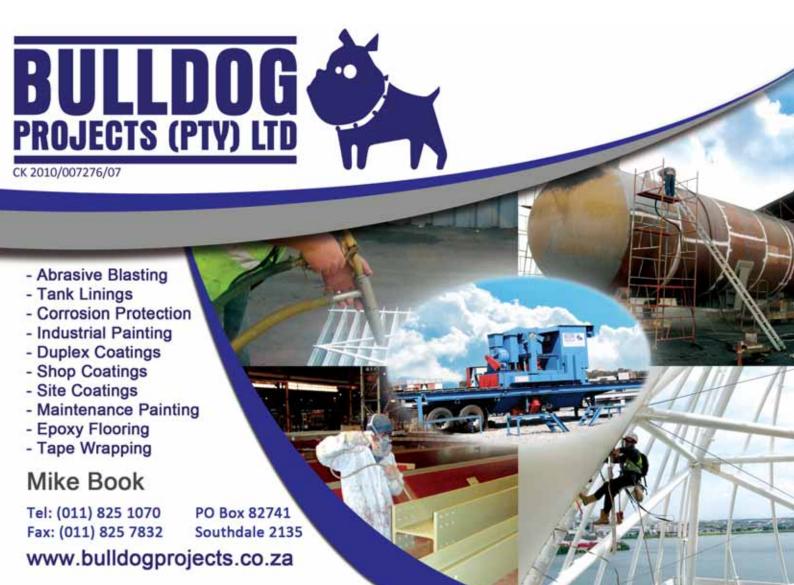
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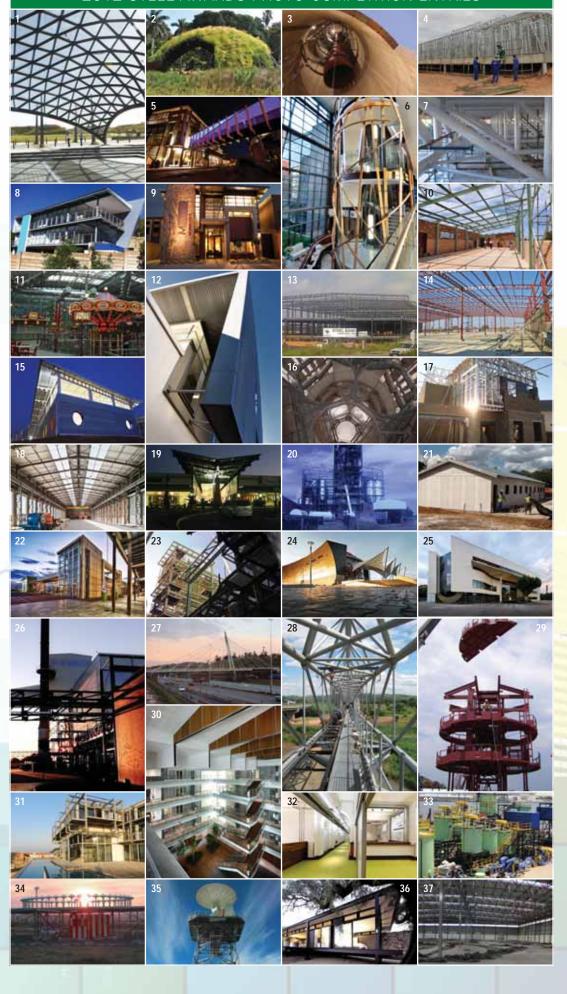
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- 3 Steel Flue Can Fabrication, Medupi Power Station
- 4 St Apollinaris Hospital
- 5 Hanger Street Pedestrian Bridge
- 6 Deloitte New Head Office Development
- 7 IRT Civic Station, East Entrance Roof
- 8 House Human
- 9 Matla OS Office
- 10 Mmankala Technical and Commercial School
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- 12 DOE Architecture
 University of the Free State
- 13 Stellar Wholesale City
- 14 Ongwediva Fresh Produce Market
- 15 Cosmo City Schoolhouse
- 16 Chimney Platforms, Medupi Power Station
- 17 Arlington Country Estate
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2012 STEEL AWARDS PHOTO COMPETITION ENTRIES



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WINNER: PHOTO COMPETITION The Soweto Theatre

Photographer: Samantha Wilke

This is the second year that Steel Awards incorporates a photo competition of the best photographs of the entries. So we gave Leon Krige, last year's winning photographer, an opportunity to describe this year's winning photograph by Samantha Wilke of Awesam Photography:

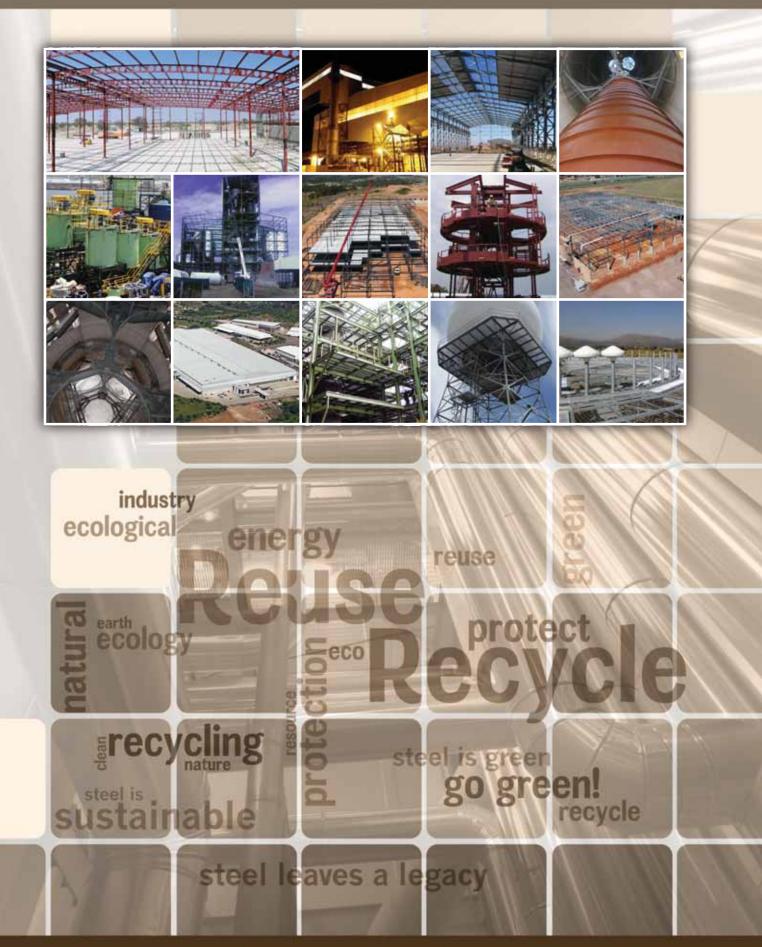
The image captures many of the stirring but controversial qualities of this remarkable new structure. A highly expressive, freestanding structure in the context of Jabulani opens many questions which will hopefully be addressed by future urban planning. No doubt this dramatic theatre offers a much needed landmark for the citizens of Soweto, which should encourage young and existing talent to rise to a level of excellence.

The photograph captures the experience of approach by hugging the ground very low, pulling the viewer towards the entrance of this organismic form. The pattern of the paving teases the surface textures of the curved wall and tessellated tensile roofs behind: unusual, lively, exciting. Timing of the image is exquisite, low sun hitting the dramatic metallic shingles entrance stairs and sail roofs, while the dark foreground playfully bounce reflections.

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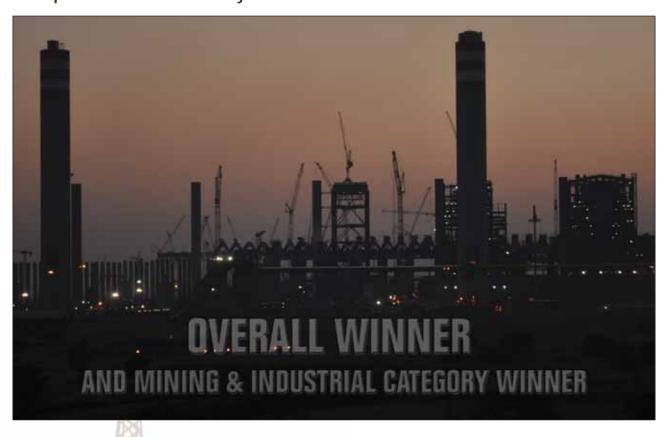


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Developer/Owner:

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Structural Engineer:

Foster Wheeler South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Quantity Surveyor:

PCC

Project Manager:

Foster Wheeler South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:

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Steelwork Contractor/s:

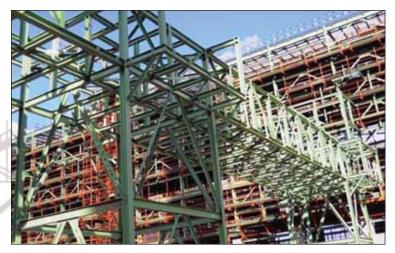
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Hope Bay Project

Developer/Owner:

Newmont Mining Co, Denver USA

Structural Engineer:

Tenova Bateman

Project Manager:

Bateman Modular Division

Main Contractor:

Bateman Modular Division

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Metso ND Engineering (Pty) Ltd;

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Channel Construction

Detailers/Detailing Company:

G&C Projects (Pty) Ltd;

Strydom Cad Services





shortlisted



Consol Nigel

Developer/Owner:

Consol

Structural Engineer:

BSM Baker

Quantity Surveyor:

BSM Baker

Project Manager:

Meprotech

Steelwork Contractor/s:

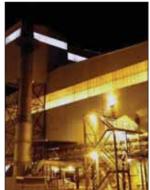
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Detailers/Detailing Company:

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Anco Griffieon (Steel Design)

Quantity Surveyor:

Tass Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Project Manager:

Tass Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:

SAAB Grintek

Civil and Building Contractor:

Tass Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Tass Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Detailers/Detailing Company:

Tass Engineering (Pty) Ltd







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Developer/Owner:

South African Weather Services

Structural Engineer:

Trowbridge Higson Smith (Civils & Steel)

Consulting Engineer:

SSI

Project Manager:

SAAB Grintek

Main Contractor:

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Civil & Building Contractor:

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Steelwork Contractor/s:

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Detailers/Detailing Company:

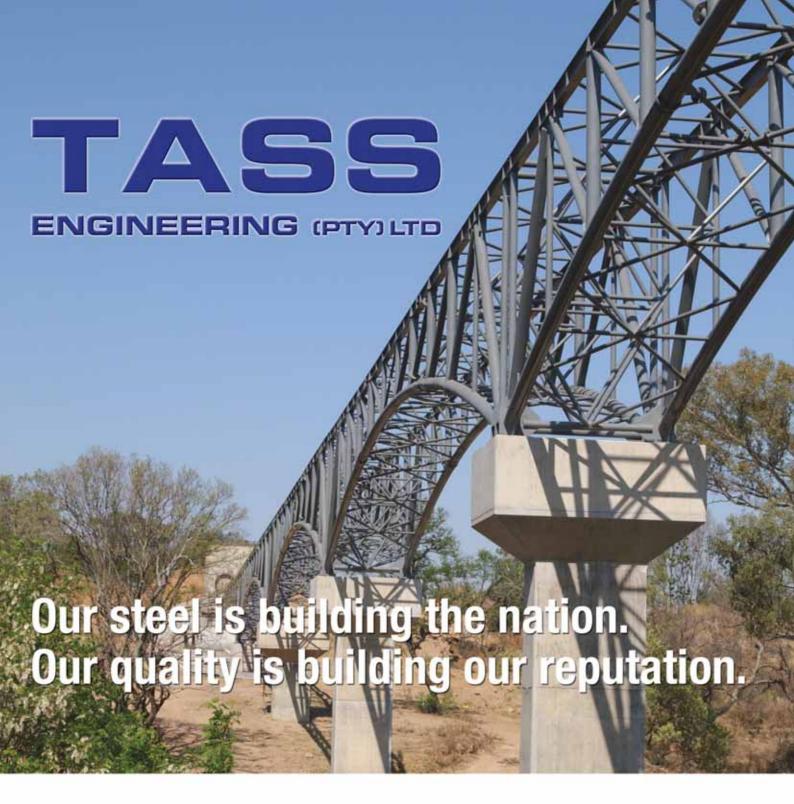
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5 Deck Sinking Stage

Developer/Owner:

Afplats

Structural Engineer:

Afplats (in-house)

Main Contractor:

Steel Services

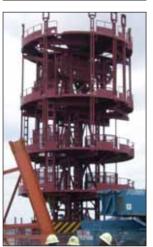
Steelwork Contractor/s:

Steel Services



shortlisted





Stellar Wholesale City

Developer/Owner:Sumali Investments

Architect:

Rescon Projects

Structural Engineer:

Rescon Projects

Quantity Surveyor:

PW Zerwick Quantity Surveyors

Project Manager:

Rescon Projects

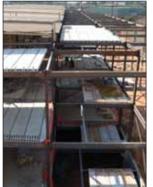
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Structural Engineer:

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Quantity Surveyor:

Jordaan Oosthuizen Nagolo

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Steel & Wire Manufacturing

Detailers/Detailing Company:

Burmeister & Partners (Pty) Ltd

Cellular Beams:

Macsteel Trading (Pty) Ltd







Twistdraai Colliery Thubelisha Shaft - Diesel Workshop

Developer/Owner: Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd

Architect:

Leon Venter Architects

Structural Engineer: RSV Enco / Goba JV

Quantity Surveyor:

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Project Manager:

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VKB Mill Vrede

Developer/Owner:

Structural Engineer: Civil Concepts

Main Contractor: Techmach Technology

Steelwork Contractor/s: Ferro Eleganza (Pty) Ltd

Detailers/Detailing Company: Ferro Draughting (Pty) Ltd







Massmart Distribution Centre, **Riverhorse**

Developer/Owner: Zenprop

Architect:

HLA Architecture

Structural Engineer: DG Consulting

Quantity Surveyor: Schoombie Hartmann

Project Manager: Capex Projects

Main Contractor:

Direct contract between Impact and Zenprop

Steelwork Contractor/s: Impact Engineering cc

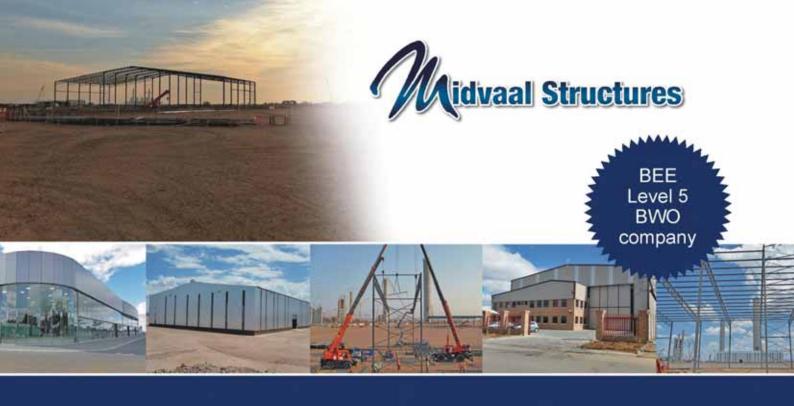
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Structural Engineer:

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Quantity Surveyor:

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Main Contractor:

Armstrong Construction

Steelwork Contractor/s:

B&T Steel

Detailers/Detailing Company:

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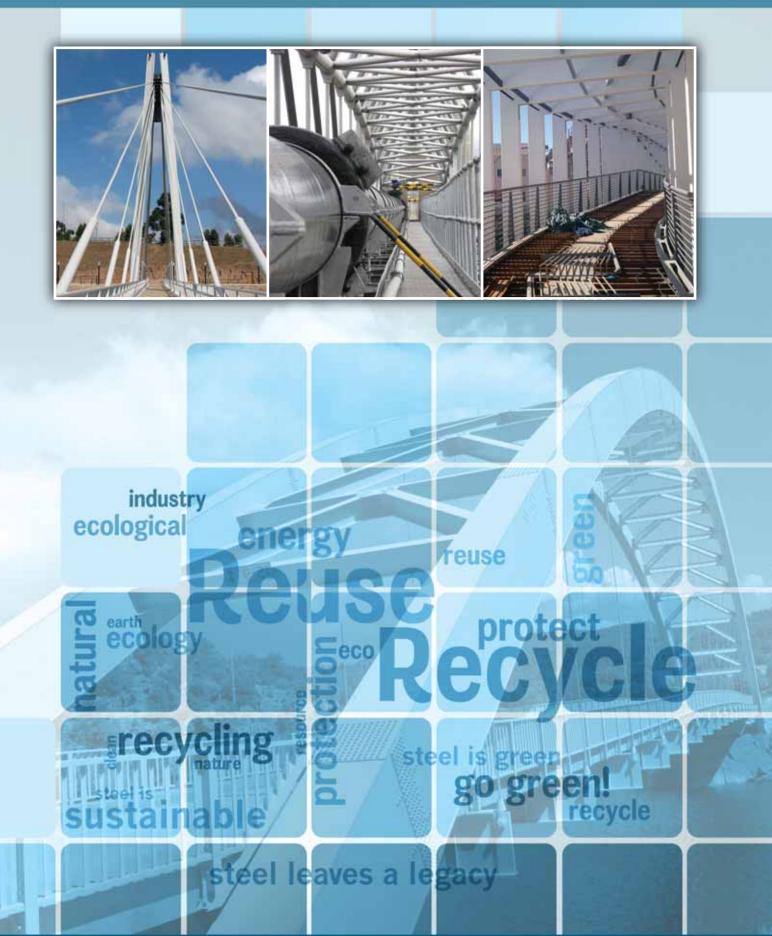
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WINNER: BRIDGE

Hanger Street Pedestrian Bridge

"It is obvious that those involved in putting the bridge together spent much time and effort in delivering a pedestrian bridge that will not only get all that use it safely from one side to the other, but will also provide them with aesthetic appeal to enjoy while doing so."

The Hanger Street Pedestrian Bridge caught the judges' attention with its interesting design both from an engineer and architect's point of view. A closer look at the bridge sealed the deal. Not only because it was, as should be expected, good engineering and good workmanship, but also the fact that extra thought had gone into designing a beautiful bridge for daily commuters in an inner city area.

This is to be expected of a design team that have previously won category awards for their bridges. The Plettenberg Bay pedestrian bridge won the Bridge Category award in 2007 and just last year the Buitengragt pedestrian bridge won it for the VelaVKE (now part of the SMEC group) team as the design engineers of the project. They once again displayed technical excellence, understood the structural requirements of the layout and they have accommodated the architect's conceptual and finish requirements.

This tapering-steel-box-girder-spine bridge, situated in the Bloemfontein CBD, is an important link for the pedestrians between the Central Park Bus station and the newly constructed Mangaung Intermodal Public Transport Facility, which accommodates all of the city's taxis. It also provides a safe passage for pedestrians trying to cross the busy (and dangerous) Hanger Street which serves as one of the arterial roads into Bloemfontein from the south. But apart from that it provides aesthetic upliftment to the downtown area and forms part of the rejuvenation of the Bloemfontein inner city area.

The bridge links up with the first floor level of the existing bus station from where the deck slopes upwards and turns approximately 33° towards the new taxi rank facility. This complex geometry in the deck had to be designed to accommodate the significant level difference between the adjacent buildings' first floor levels. The main span of the bridge is 20m and is one of three spans supported by a 650 x 700mm (to 800mm) tapering steel box girder with a 2.9m wide composite concrete deck slab.

Pedestrian bridges are often open, slender structures but the prerequisite for this bridge was to provide cover to pedestrians commuting between the transport



category winner bridge



facilities while still ensuring a transparent and safe enclosure. Custom-made 450×150 mm rectangular hollow ribs were designed for aesthetic purposes as well as to provide the framework for the roof and glazing panels.

A combination of 12mm glass glazing and perforated louvre panels were installed to accommodate adverse weather conditions while still providing sufficient transparency for natural light. This cladding combination also avoids a boxed-in feeling for pedestrians using the bridge. The steel louvres were fixed

to the bridge in a 'spiral wrap-around' design, thereby breaking the 'box-like' lines of the bridge.

Special LED lighting was installed on deck level as well as into every second steel rib. These light units were recessed into the deck and frameworks in order to protect them against vandalism and theft. This led to specific design and detailing of the recesses to ensure that the corners of the ribs do not undergo local failure due to residual stresses that can develop under severe wind loadings.

The 150mm concrete deck is supported by the steel box girder, via shear studs, as well as permanent shuttering. The 51m³ concrete deck insures a more solid walking surface thereby adding to pedestrian comfort.

The 450 x 150 x 6mm rectangular frames are not standard sections and had to be custom made. This entailed that the section had to be welded up from two rolled halves. The 6mm wall thickness had to be carefully assessed to ensure that the flat plates of the two halves could be rolled to form the 90°





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corners in accordance with minimum radius specifications. The 450mm depth of the frames were a geometric requirement to accommodate the roofing and flashing between the frames where the bridge slopes.

project team

Developer/Owner:

Mangaung Metro Municipality – Bloemfontein

Architect:

Incline Architects

Structural Engineer:

Vela VKE (Part of the SMEC group)

Quantity Surveyor:

Rubiquant cc;

Limco QS Arbitration & Project

Management cc

Project Manager:

Incline/Vela VKE Joint Venture

Main Contractor:

RSI Intermodal Construction (Pty) Ltd

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Omni Struct Nkosi (Pty) Ltd

Detailers/Detailing Company:

Draftline

The bridge was fabricated in Omni Struct Nkosi's workshop in Johannesburg. The bridge's steel box girder spine together with its steel fins and the bottom part of the frames were welded together in their factory and the three major spans were delivered to site individually with the rest of the sections. These main components were then lifted into position and the remainder of the structure welded on site. All site welds had to undergo non-destructive testing to ensure quality of workmanship.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

By John Truter, representing Consulting Engineers SA

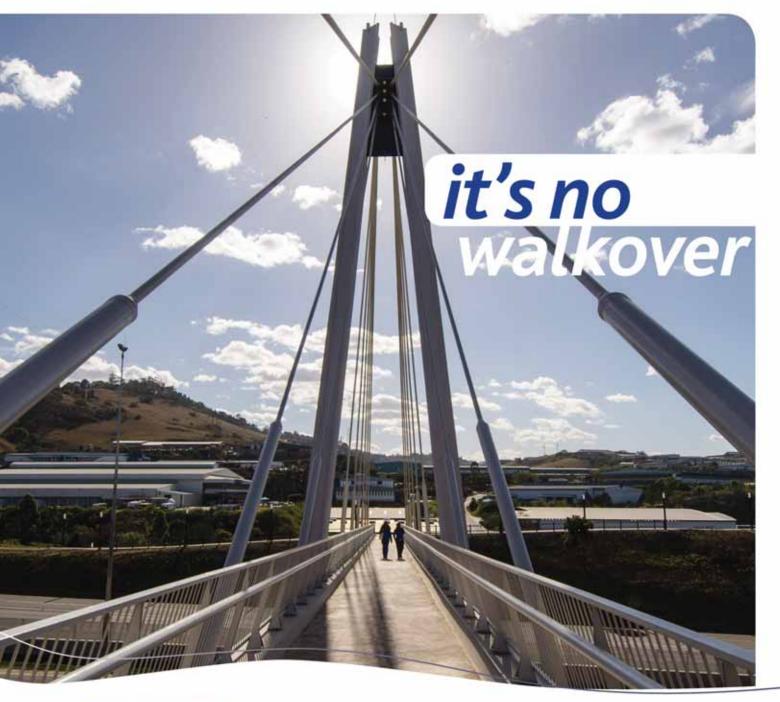
What is striking about the Hanger Street pedestrian bridge is its unexpected aesthetic appeal in an area that can probably be described as "downtown city centre Bloemfontein".

It is obvious that those involved in putting the bridge together spent much time and effort in delivering a pedestrian bridge that will not only get all that use it safely from one side to the other, but will also provide them with aesthetic appeal to enjoy while doing so.

The structural solution for spanning the 62m over Hanger Street has been cleverly hidden in the boxed girder spine to which the composite walkway and rectangular hollow ribs have been fixed. The ribs in turn provide support to the roof and side cladding ensuring the protection of all pedestrians against the elements.

Great care has further been taken to allow for easy access to the bridge with escalators provided on one end.

The Hanger Street pedestrian bridge is certainly a great endeavour to avoid pedestrian deaths on a very busy thoroughfare and doing it in steel has proven most effective and pleasing.



Getting it just right

In response to the needs of the community, The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (Sanral) needed to balance aesthetics, form and function with sustainability and cost effectiveness in building the Tshelimnyama pedestrian bridge on the N3 near the Mariannhill toll plaza. It's not always easy to do so, however the design of the pedestrian bridge by VelaVKE Consulting Engineers met all the requirements. The new bridge means that people needing to cross the N3 can do so without risk and return to their loved ones.

So it may not be easy, but it sure is worth it.



bridge category nominations

Tshelimnyama Pedestrian Bridge

Developer/Owner:

South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)

Architect:
Gapp Architects

Structural Engineer:

Vela VKE (Part of the SMEC group)

Main Contractor:

J T Ross

Steelwork Contractor/s:

JH Gouws Engineering







Mvoti River Pipe Bridge Crossing

Developer/Owner: Umgeni Water

Structural Engineer:

BKS

Project Manager: Bosch Stemele (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:
Icon Construction

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Impact Engineering cc

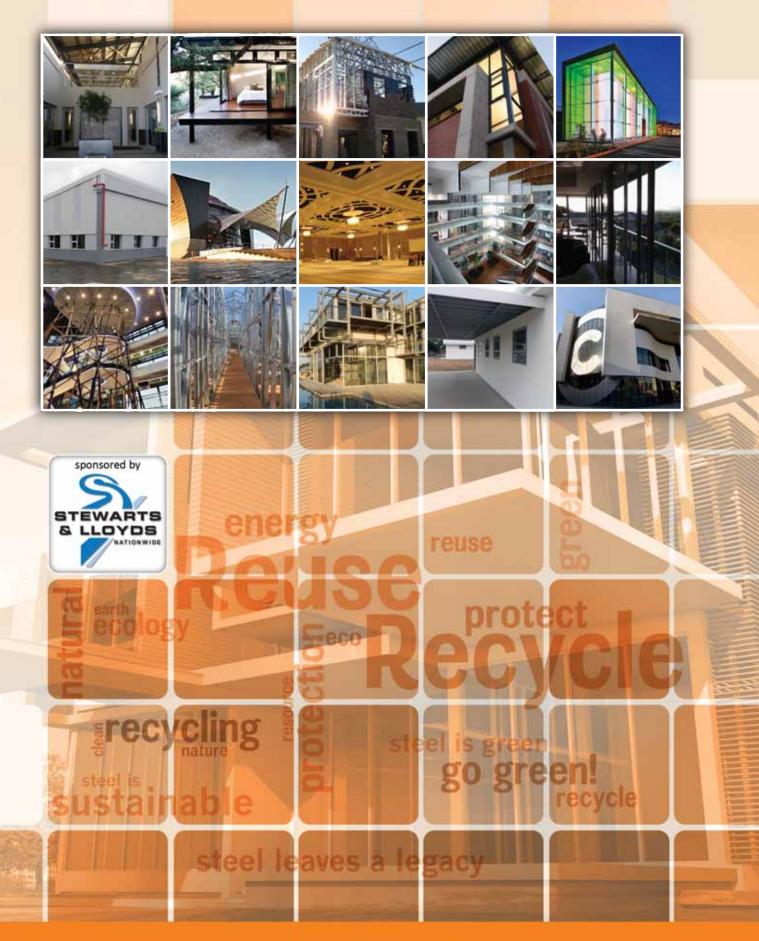
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light steel frame and architectural

light steel frame and architectural category winner

WINNER: LIGHT STEEL FRAME AND ARCHITECTURAL

Deloitte New Head Office Development

In a tradition breaking move, the judges decided to combine the Architectural Category with that of the Light Steel Frame Category for the simple reason that the Deloitte Head Office is a masterpiece in both categories; displaying excellence in the use of architecturally exposed steel as well as the-way-for-the-future application of Light Steel Frame Building in commercial buildings.

The new Riverwalk Office Development is situated on the edge of the popular Menlyn node in Pretoria, at the busy intersection between Garsfontein and the N1 Highway.

These two new prestigious office buildings are now part of the existing Riverwalk Office Park. One of the buildings has already been occupied by Deloitte for their Pretoria head office. The two buildings are connected with two steel screens in order to unify them.

DESIGN PROCESS

The site of this development slopes severely from the west towards the east where it connects to the Wolwe Spruit River which dissects this development from the existing three office buildings in the complex. The original site was overgrown with various trees which resembled a small forest. This gave the site a very natural feel which was incorporated into the design.

The building facades were designed with angular window fenestration which resembles the patterns of the original tree stems on the site, creating a contemporary forest pattern on the building. This natural view was also further incorporated into the tiling and lighting patterns. These angular layouts and patterns were again utilised in the building lobbies and ablutions. On the external facades the steelwork also followed the design concept of tree stems, and were designed and erected in angular patterns. (During the judges' visit to the site, the infectiously enthusiastic architect piped up: "what fun I had building a structure where little of the facade structure or any of the other elements for that matter are intended to be square...")

Similarly, the main entrance lobby stair case was designed as a 'bird's nest' to keep with the natural concept. Upon entering the lobby, this staircase was a delight for the judges to behold – a steel box spiral staircase partially hidden and softened with timber strips running in every which way. The design and quality of workmanship clearly gave the fabricator away.

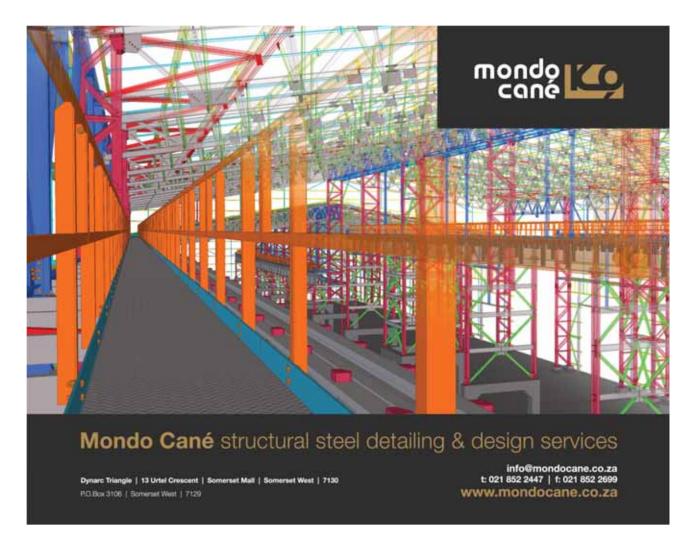




Spiral Engineering has created many excellent staircases, but this was the best the judges have seen.

The facade that interfaces with Garsfontein Road incorporates soft flowing curves, to accentuate the natural tree line theme of the whole building. These brightly rendered curved facades have become the prominent trademark of this development in this busy node. Protruding with varying dimensions, it also helps

In the past when choosing a Light Steel Frame Category winner much of the selection process was along the lines of what most exemplified what is special about the product. The mere fact that a light steel frame cladding project has reached a state of excellence where it can become an architectural category winner sends a strong message out for the state of the LSFB industry and how it has grown.



to break down the noise pollution created by the heavy traffic during rush hour.

LIGHT STEEL FRAME CONSTRUCTION

The building facades were constructed with an EPS (extruded polystyrene system) lightweight structure, which is technology that has been used extensively in Europe, but has to date not been widely accepted in the main stream construction industry in South Africa.

This system enabled the architect to design facades that cannot be built with masonry, as in this case, and also to ensure excellent insulation to the perimeter facades.

Furthermore the lightweight walling systems greatly improved construction speed. Wall panels were fabricated off site, and then delivered to site where it was connected and erected. Glazing contractors were able to start manufacturing the aluminium prior to the installation of the lightweight walling system as this system is extremely accurate.

In addition, the system allowed for far better accuracy which ensured better detailing and finishing connections, which could not have been achieved with masonry. By using this system the amount of masonry work required on site was limited, which guaranteed a clean and safe construction site during the construction period.

project team

Developer/Owner:

Atterbury Properties

Architect:

Boogertman + Partners (Pty) Ltd

Structural Engineer:

DG Consult

Quantity Surveyor:

Pentad QS

Project Manager:

Pentad QS

Main Contractor:

GD Irons Construction

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Spiral Engineering (structural steel);

GDS construction (LSFB)

GREEN CONSIDERATIONS

Various sustainability aspects and elements were incorporated in order to ensure that the building is up to date with the latest technology available.

Facade fenestration design was aimed at controlling internal temperature inside the buildings. Facade design therefore had enlarged fenestrations on certain facades, in order to allow the maximum natural light into the building, and reduced (or protected) fenestrations on other facades in order to control heat gain or loss in the building.

Glazed facades and fenestrations to east, west facades are protected with horizontal sun protection louvres, and facades on the west and east are protected by vertical sun louvres. The louvres also mimic the original tree stems, and are therefore also positioned at varying angular positions.

The lightweight steel walling system utilised on the facades resulted in a well-insulated building providing comfortable temperatures which reduce the demand on air-conditioning in summer and heating in winter.

The building design incorporates a myriad of other sustainable initiatives including solar water panels for the building's hot water system; glazing with specially incorporated solar properties; a fully automated airconditioning system that uses 15% less energy; light switches that work on remote sensors; and CO sensors in the basement ventilation to name but a few.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

By Lemaseya Khama representing the South African Institute of Architects

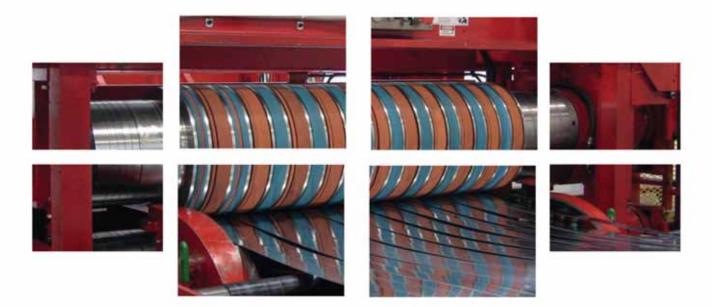
The interest to inspect this building was born from having understood the material makeup of the envelope but needing to see how it has weathered its application and accommodation.

The areas of concern were: consistency of story line from concept to construction; extent of translation of that storyline in the material choice and execution; what is the material like to touch; what is the one to one scale impact on the user; how far can this application be taken.

The product outcome is one of high quality output. The design proposals junction details were simple but achieving complex and pleasing forms. The detail resolution belies a concerted team effort - in the knowledge that the product is relatively unused in South Africa, this is laudable! The poetic inferences to design concept have been effected - inferences to reeds in a stream. With specific reference to the entrance staircase, the built solution has been effected with what appears to be minimal wastage; optimal structural resolution; and a precise installation patterning.

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light steel frame and architectural category commendation

COMMENDATION: ARCHITECTURAL

Westcliff Pavillion

But it is the floating stone wall that
will intrigue the non-structural
engineer and really does look brilliant.
Add to this minimalist exciting
structure a 10 million dollar view over
Saxonwold and the retention of
almost all the natural vegetation on
the site and what you get is a steel
structure truly deserving of a
commendation in the architectural

category.

project team

Developer/Owner:

Koos Koen

Architect:

GASS Architecture Studios - Georg van Gass and Clare Eisenstein

Structural Engineer:

Ferdinand van der Kuil

Main Contractor:

Vision 5 Projects

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Conrad Bezuidenhout

Timber Flooring Contractor:

Top Decks

This two bedroom dwelling, nestled in its wooded surroundings, is sited just before the inception of the major sheer face of the Westcliff Ridge. This affords the building a private, tranquil hiding place in the trees juxtaposed with a feeling of floating above the ridge with magnificent views of Johannesburg.

The choice to use steel framed construction for this building was threefold. Firstly, the obvious magnificent setting of the cottage necessitated the use of as much glass on the view side of the property as possible. This is far easier facilitated by placing the aluminium and steel framed glass elements between structural steel elements, than using bulky, heavier elements such as masonry materials.

The second reason was a visual one. Simply put, the architect wanted an elegant, timeless aesthetic that would allow them to use the steel elements not only as primary structural elements, but also as the primary architectural motif.

The third reason forms part of the environmental aspects of the project:

The architect wanted to treat the ecosystem of the Westcliff Ridge very lightly. The goal was to allow the building to float above the ground plane, leaving as much of the ridge as possible intact. Had they used conventional building methods, the environmental impact on the site would have been considerable. By using steel, the only disruption to the ground was for the footings of the main structural steel columns.

The steel framed construction allowed the use of sprung timber floors and this created a lightweight roof structure using minimal purlins. Because of the simplicity of these structures, rigid insulation boards could be introduced under the floors and under the roof in order to attenuate heat losses and gains.

One of the main identifying features that makes it more than a modernist box is the floating stone wall. Many of the houses on the Westcliff Ridge are famous for their use of native stone work, including works by architectural greats like Sir Herbert Baker. The pavilion continues in this tradition with its 'floating' wall made from stone harvested on the site itself. So this is a wall with a twist. The understanding of a solid wall is turned on its head, and instead of conveying the usual characteristics of a wall – sturdiness and solidity, the architects created something that does not rely on the ground for its founding. Instead, it is a floating wall that is suspended off a steel framed structure.





The structure is supported on steel square hollow sections (150 x 150 SHS) on individual concrete pad footings and plinths founded in the rocky ridge of the site.

The main platform (ground floor) mainly consists of a frame of structural steel I-beams. A steel girder is supported at both ends of the house underneath the ground floor level to support the 'floating' stonewall. The outer columns are extended to support the roof structure. The Vierendeel

trusses forming the upper windows make for an ideal support for the sliding doors.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

Built on a heritage site on the Westcliff Ridge with severe restrictions on the location of the house this was an amazing project to visit. The architects theme to develop a floating structure has been fully achieved which would only have been possible using steel. The floor level floats on short columns down to the foundations whilst the roof 'floats' on a line of windows at eaves level from which the sliding doors hang.

But it is the floating stone wall that will intrigue the non-structural engineer and really does look brilliant. Add to this minimalist exciting structure a 10 million dollar view over Saxonwold and the retention of almost all the natural vegetation on the site and what you get is a steel structure truly deserving of a commendation in the architectural category. I just wish I could spend some time there.



light steel frame and architectural category nominations

Matla QS Office

Developer/Owner:

Matla Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd

Architect:

SNAPP Architects

Structural Engineer:

Civil Concepts (Pty) Ltd

Quantity Surveyor:

Matla Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd

Project Manager:

Matla Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:

PACE Construction (Pty) Ltd

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Ferro Eleganza (Pty) Ltd

Electrical Engineers:

Plantech Electrical Engineers









Soweto Theatre

Developer/Owner:

Jabulani Development Company (Pty) Ltd

Architect:

Afritects

Structural Engineer:

Themba Consulting Engineers

Quantity Surveyor:

QS Bureau

Project Manager:

Settlement Planning Services (Setplan)

Main Contractor:

Group Five - Inkanyeli Projects

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Sparrow Solutions;

Clotan Steel



shortlisted (architectural)







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Alchemy

Architect:

Paragon Architects

Structural Engineer:

PBE, Pierre Badenhorst Engineers

Quantity Surveyor:

James Welsh Consulting

Project Manager:

Alchemy

Main Contractor:

Astek

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Spiral Engineering









House Taylor

Developer/Owner:

Charles Taylor

Architect:

Charles Taylor Architect cc

Structural Engineer:

Linda Ness Associates cc

Main Contractor:

Mastercraft

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Rebcon Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Detailers/ Detailing Company:

Rebcon Engineering (Pty) Ltd

Landscaper:

Wild Olive Landscaping

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HB Interiors (Pty) Ltd



shortlisted (architectural)





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light steel frame and architectural category nominations

Ballito Lifestyle Centre

Developer/Owner:

Lahaf (Pty) Ltd

Architect:

Evolution Architects

Structural Engineer:

Linda Ness Associates cc

Quantity Surveyor:

Schoombie Hartmann

Project Manager:

Schoombie Hartmann

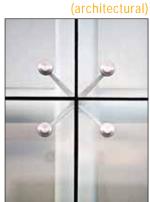
Main Contractor:

Constructon ID

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Rebcon Engineering (Pty) Ltd







House Human

Developer/Owner:

Tom Human

Architect:

Tom Human Architect and Urban Designer

Structural Engineer:

CPLAN

Main Contractor:

Tom Human

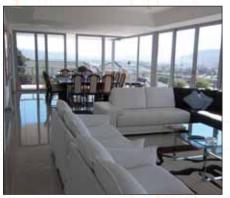
Steelwork Contractor/s:

Destech Projects

Aluminium Windows:

Rothman Aluminium









category nominations light steel frame and architectural

(architectural)







Airport Junction Mall

Developer/Owner:

Black Widow Holdings (Pty) Ltd

Architect:

FFA Architects (Pty) Ltd

Structural Engineer:

ADA Consulting Engineers

Quantity Surveyor:

MLC Quantity Surveyor

Project Manager:

C-Pro Construction Specialists (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:

Stefanutti Stocks & Stocks, Botswana

Steelwork Contractor/s:

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Detailers/Detailing Company:

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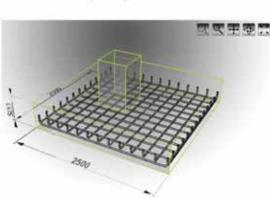
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St Regis Beach Resort -**Banquet Hall Expansion - Main Roof**

Developer/Owner:

Tourism Development and Investment Corporation of Abu Dhabi

Architect:

Woods Bagot

Structural Engineer:

Aurecon

Quantity Surveyor:

MLC

Project Manager:

Mirage Mille Leisure Development Inc

Main Contractor:

Habtoor Murray and Roberts Joint Venture

Steelwork Contractor/s:

CBEME

Detailers/Detailing Company:

CBEME







Menlyn Maine Atrium Stair

Client:

Nedbank

Developer/Owner:

Menlyn Maine Investment Holdings

Architect:

Boogertman + Partners (Pty) Ltd

Structural Engineer:

WSP Structures Africa (Pty) Ltd

Quantity Surveyor:

Pentad Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:

WBHO Construction (Pty) Ltd

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Central Welding Works (Pty) Ltd

Detailers/Detailing Company:

Central Welding Works (Pty) Ltd









category nominations light steel frame and architectural

shortlisted (Isfb)







St. Apollinaris Hospital

Developer/Owner:

KZN Department of Health

Architect:

SMS Designs Architects cc

Structural Engineer:

SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd, Light Steel Frame: Martin and Associates (LSFB)

Quantity Surveyor:

Schoombie Hartmann Quantity Surveyors

Main Contractor:

Erbacon (Armstrong Construction) / Shospec Joint Venture

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Shospec (Pty) Ltd

shortlisted (Isfb)







Arlington Country Estate

Developer/Owner:

GDS (Pty) Ltd

Architect:

DBM Architects

Structural Engineer:

Mike Hull

Quantity Surveyor:

GDS (Pty) Ltd

Project Manager:

GDS (Pty) Ltd

Main Contractor:

GDS (Pty) Ltd

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Clotan; Vela SBS; Magnaclad

Detailers/Detailing Company:

GDS (Pty) Ltd

light steel frame and architectural category nominations

Sihangwana Primary School ECD

Developer/Owner:

Department of Public Works KZN

Architect:

Kaye & Kaye

Structural Engineer:

MUST

Quantity Surveyor:

RMA Consulting

Project Manager:

VNA Consulting

Main Contractor:

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Steelwork Contractor/s:

Steel Frame Developments

Detailers/Detailing Company:

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New Germany Industrial Park

Developer/Owner:

Seardel

Architect:

Mike Paterson & Associates

Structural Engineer:

Martin & Associates

Quantity Surveyor:

MLC KZN

Project Manager:

Donnelly Projects cc

Main Contractor:

Steffanuti Stocks

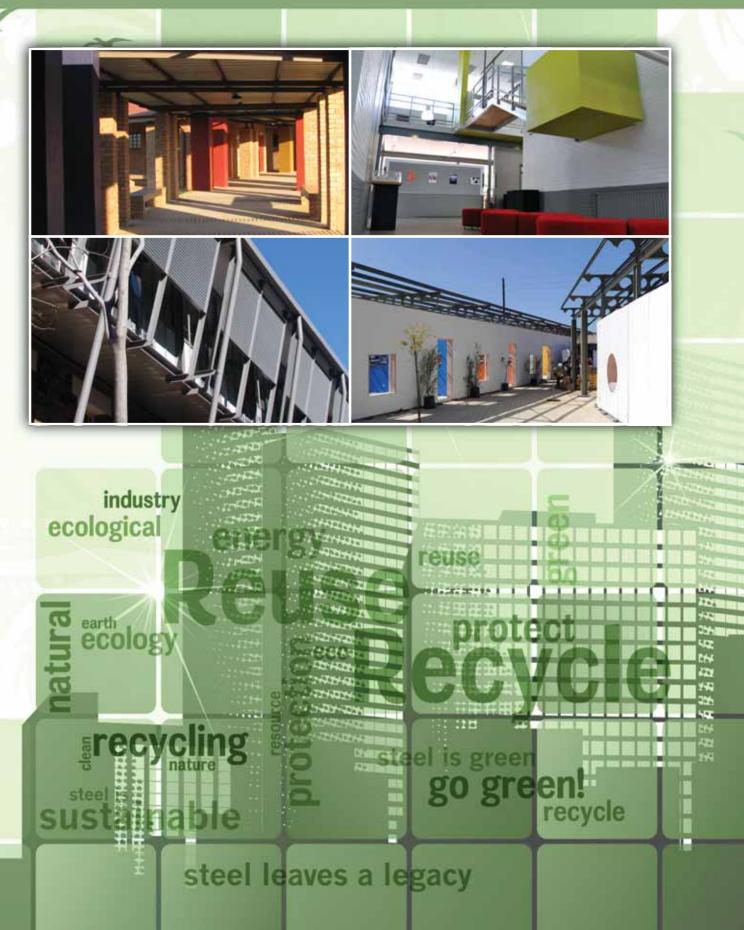
Steelwork Contractor/s:

Hazy Crest Construction









sustainable development

sustainable development category winner

WINNER: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Shandukani – Vodacom Altech Altron Centre for Specialised Services

The first sentence of our judge's comment says it all... "This is a story of restoration in steel. Or better, a story of restoration by steel! In their choice of material, the architect state that they were invoking a conservation principle requiring "new works to be removable in the future", which to them meant steel..."

The well-known architect Gordon Leith designed many of what is, arguably, the best collection of conservation worthy buildings in Johannesburg, making up the Hillbrow Health Precinct. Some are not in the best of conditions and can do with the same clever and emphatic resurrection of the defunct 1928 Operating and X-Ray Building.

All thanks to a private-public sector undertaking where Vodacom, Altron and Altech, the precinct's private sector partners, provided the funding for the transformation of the old facilities into the VAAC for Specialised Services that will provide expert medical care to pregnant women and children infected with HIV/Aids and tuberculosis. Vodacom provided R14 million, while the Altron and Altech contributed R7 million each. The Gauteng Province and the City of Johannesburg are the public sector partners. It has been named Shandukani which means 'asking for change' in Venda.

As with the Hanger Street Bridge, this project is also part of an inner city rejuvenation project but has been combined with poverty alleviation, primary health care and world-class research on HIV/Aids.

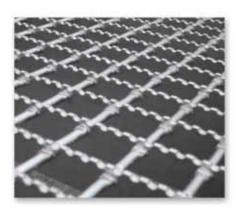
Henry Paine + Partners, the appointed architects for the projects had their work cut out for them. They had to conserve the integrity of the historic building but also design "a 'happy place' with unintimidating materials, finishes and furnishings; that it should be more like a living room than a hospital".

Their answer to the challenge was adapting the building in terms of the maxim of doing "as much as necessary and as little as possible to the building". The architects found the building, which had been abandoned for many years, in an alarming state of disrepair. Since it was severely damaged and waterlogged, a complete overhaul was required, which necessitated a complete re-fit of services as well as the addition of new services required by modern medical needs.

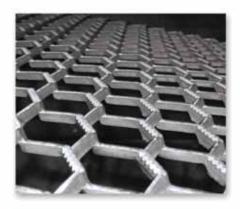
On top of it all *(no pun intended)* the building required a third floor to be able to accommodate all the facilities of the new building. Luckily the new floor could easily be constructed using the flat roofed area on the north side of the building, provided it was a comparatively lightweight structure.



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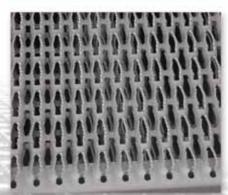












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Apart from being the lightweight solution, steel was the only structural material that could meet the project's other requirements of quick and easy erection in an already occupied site; adding to the old building that clearly differentiated 'new' from old; solving the bigger floor area of the new third floor with a cantilevered extension over the north facade and enabling the removal of the new structure should it be required in the future.

project team

Developer/Owner:

Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute (WRHI)

Architect:

Henry Paine + Partners

Structural Engineer:

Bapedi Consulting Engineers

Quantity Surveyor:

Bham Tayob Khan Matunda

Project Manager:

PM Africa Project Management

Main Contractor:

GVK-Siya Zama Building Contractors (Gauteng) (Pty) Ltd

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Bronkmann Pipe & Steel

Electrical Engineers:

Nala Consulting Engineers

Fire Consultant:

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SUSTAINABILITY

The new structure was intended to contrast with the original brick building and to provide sun protection to the floor below. The lightweight steel roof was insulated with 100mm of recycled polythene and overhangs the windows to give protection from the summer sun. A lightweight grille also provides privacy from an existing building to the north and supplements protection from the sun and glare.

The building is not air-conditioned, a decision taken from the point of view of sustainability as well as for medical reasons. The new steel framed part of the building has been designed with sun protection and insulation that will make air-conditioning unnecessary; the old parts of the building were designed by Gordon Leith to be cool in summer. Ventilation and heating (when winter temperatures make it necessary) is provided by a system that allows for adjustment of volume and temperature.

Environmental concerns were paramount in the design of the building. 80% of the new steel structure can be recycled and the entire old structure has been re-cycled in ways that are sustainable. Should circumstances change at some point in the future, the use of steel makes it possible to dismantle the structure, re-use it, and to leave the building in its original state.

Considering the issues of re-cycling, minimal use of new materials and those of climate control, it would be very difficult to design a building with a smaller carbon footprint than the Shandukani Centre.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

By Lemaseya Khama representing the South African Institute of Architects

On approach of the building, it was initially hard to tell what was added apart from the cap protrusion on the northern side. Yet, it is just this understatement that draws one in as the story of the building and indeed the project unfolds.

Additional structural support to the existing floors, in exposed I-sections, is lavishly galvanized, a finish that allows this frame to be read as an insertion apart from the old structure. This same attitude is carried through in the 'inserting' of new hospital service runs, in galvanized steel trays. A tasteful play at revealing the old, while celebrating the new.

Ultimately it is the crafting of new functions within the old envelope that is accentuated further by the new floor. Here also the poetry in steel is woven. This 'cap' adds a new veneer to the building: that of sun screening. This is delightfully detailed, with the roof holding bracket; sun screening; the galvanized rain water down pipes standing proud from the brickwork.

The design, the architectural insight, precise execution of simple junction details and pleasing workmanship, and the boundless enthusiasm of the client, have all combined together to reveal a memorable building, while creating an engaging built environment.

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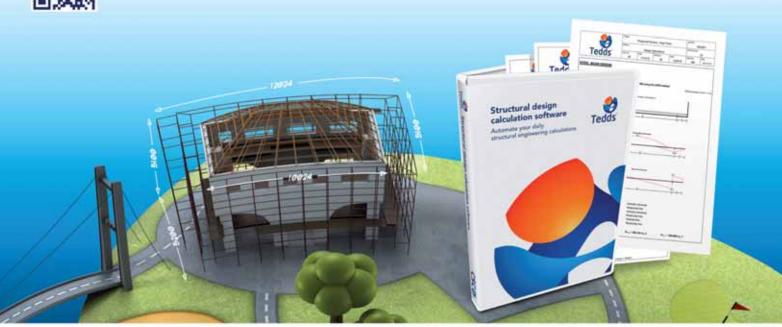
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COMMENDATION: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Renovations at the DOE Architecture, University of the Free State

Another challenge was managing the expectations of the many architects and budding architects that took great interest in the project. Wherever possible design input was taken from all these parties, but the design architect still managed to fulfil his vision of the project.



The original structure was designed by the quantity surveyor (on the back of a cigarette box!) since no one could agree what the design of the building for the Architecture Department should look like. After 50 plus years it was becoming more evident that it was time for an architect to do the job. Apart from the building's poor aesthetic qualities it was poorly insulated and most importantly, space, which had become a huge problem, was not utilised effectively.

Moving to a new building or designing and building one from scratch was not an option. The building had to be renovated with a budget of R5 million.

The renovations had to achieve four main objectives, namely:

- To improve the appearance of the shed-like structure that accommodates an architectural programme that achieved prestigious national standing and international accreditation.
- To improve the existing ventilation system and find a suitable solution for



category commendation sustainable development



heat build-up during summer and heat loss during winter seasons. The existing organisation of spaces on plan as well as on section, together with the northern exposure of large windows, coupled with poor cross ventilation, resulted in these poor climatic conditions. Passive climate control was here the objective but a water cooling system was installed to address climate issues.

■ To add extra surface areas to the current facility that will cater for various functions required by a modern day department of architecture.

The design solution opted for the insertion of a new mezzanine floor, coupled with a roof element that addressed all of the above objectives. The challenge was to keep the building operational during the upgrade. This required careful planning and was successfully done. Steel was chosen as a material in terms of unit length elements that could be used on top of the existing structure. Construction methods also allowed for a dry framework construction through the existing roof of the building in order to achieve a new roof covering before the old could be removed.

Another challenge was managing the expectations of the many architects and budding architects that took great interest in the project. Wherever possible design input was taken from all these parties, but the design architect still managed to fulfil his vision of the project.

A new multifunctional room for research lectures and exhibitions venue was added by the inclusion of the mezzanine floor. The new mezzanine also accommodated the upgrade to the area for the architectural models, required for international accreditation; provided an additional seminar room; a research library and archive room.

The new approach to the studios was very well received by the students. Since they spend most of their time there an organised, spacious and light area was the best outcome they could have hoped for. Lime green painted surfaces are used as accents throughout the building with some funky red upholstered furniture for compliments. This makes it a space where great architecture can be conceived.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

By Franco Mordini representing the Association of Steel Tube and Pipe Manufacturers of South

This project has successfully transformed a shed type structure lacking many important requirements into a practical inspiring home for the architecture students of the University of the Free State.

Where required existing steel sections were elegantly reinforced and additional bracing added ensuring structural integrity required by the upgrade. This was done tastefully and inconspicuously. The design also ensured that energy efficient aspects were taken into account and included the specification of thermal efficient material.

The building is finished off with the new roof that dramatically transformed the existing shed like exterior while elevating the existing interior ceiling heights and in such a way created dramatic double volumes that enhanced ventilation and provided for natural light for the interior spaces.

All this was done to create an inspiring environment for architects and importantly was done within the very limited given budget.

Great idea, well conceived and executed.

project team

Developer/Owner:

University of the Free State

Architect:

Typology Architects cc

Structural Engineer:

Mostert Van Den Berg & De Leeuw Bloemfontein

Quantity Surveyor:

Verster Berry Partnership

Project Manager:

Typology Architects cc

Main Contractor:

WGK Construction Bloemfontein

Steelwork Contractor/s:

WGK Construction Bloemfontein

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers:

Worley Parsons

sustainable development category nominations

Mmankala Technical and Commercial School

Developer/Owner:

Department of Education North West Province

Architect:

SNAPP Architects

Structural Engineer:

Leko Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd

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Quantity Surveyor:

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Project Manager:

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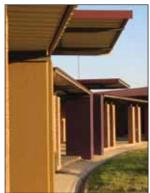
Main Contractor:

Sunrise Electrical / Somandla Joint Venture

Steelwork Contractor/s:

MPW Steel Construction (Pty) Ltd





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Cosmo City Schoolhouse

Developer/Owner:

Schoolhouse South Africa (Cornell University Sustainable Design)

Architect:

Schoolhouse South Africa (Cornell University Sustainable Design)

Structural Engineer:

Tetratech

Quantity Surveyor:

Schoolhouse South Africa (Cornell University Sustainable Design)

Project Manager:

Education Africa

Main Contractor:

Basil Read Developments

Steelwork Contractor/s:

Spiral Engineering

Detailers/Detailing Company:

Vision Draughting cc

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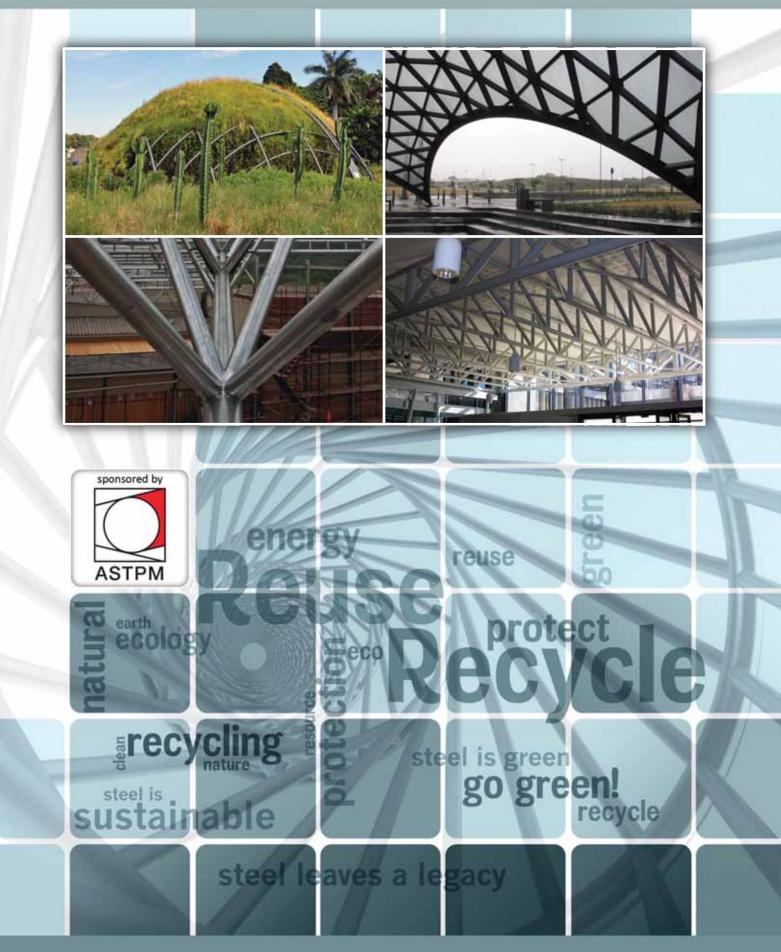
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Dube Square Canopy

By Spencer Erling, Education Director, SAISC

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The design engineer for this project philosophises in his entry form for the project into Steel Awards 2012, "Should we do it (build complicated structures) just because we can?"

Well "why not" say I. Challenges are what keep engineers and their contracting teams on their toes. And if the result can and is built within budget and appears to have an end use lets go for it. Without challenges far fewer engineers would have jobs.

How boring would life be if every job was a combination of standard widgets and digits pulled out of standard pigeon holes and just joined differently or painted in different colours? The canopy at Dube Square is without a doubt one of those difficult to construct projects that really challenged the contractors in particular. The developer's challenge is that only time will tell what uses the canopy will actually be put to. Once a city life of its own evolves at the centre, who knows what the canopy will be used for, a quiet lunch on a hot day? Or how about a summer's evening concert? What about a series of coffee shops? The ambience is there, people will find a use.



The open nature of the canopy provides an excellent backdrop for the statue of John Dube, first president of the ANC, (after whom the area is named) imaginatively recreated standing near his table and chair. Set to look like corrugated ripples when viewed from outside, the structure surely satisfies that brief. Some of those who have not read this description have commented it appears to look like a rolling wave (as in sea wave) even though it is some distance from the sea shore.

The final design concluded that the 'waves' will be supported on seven perimeter arches of different span, height and founding levels (which vary from ground level to top of column levels) and that the glass panels would be triangular. This meant that every member that forms part of the three sides of the triangles as well as how they connect to the circular nodes will be different from any other member in the structure, thereby adding to the difficulty of the project.

The decision to use circular hollow sections for the arches and rectangular hollow sections for the triangle sides was more or less a given. This is an almost perfect job for tubes. Higher stresses in the various tubes are accommodated by using a constant profile with different wall thicknesses giving an outside appearance of only one diameter of circular hollow section and one rectangular hollow profile for the job to solve all the structural issues.

There are many technical issues that have been discussed in our article in *Steel Construction Vol. 36 No. 2 2012 (p21)* and so are not repeated here.



Also the use of circular hollow sections for the node connections solves the problem of how to connect rectangles to it in a multitude of different slopes to the nodes but also allows for their use as light fittings.

The use of modern design packages permits the engineer to find a structural solution.



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But the real challenge is how to build such an infinitely varying structure of such magnitude? Well, you start with a 3D detailing package and a good draughtsman to drive the package. You break the drawings up into "handleable size chunks" both for building in the factory and for transporting to site.

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JUDGE'S COMMENT

This is certainly a structure that could not have been built without the use of a modern 3D detailing package and the great weight to strength ratio of tubes.

There is no doubt that the close liaison between engineer and contractor has helped the contractor come up with a buildable solution. The proof is in the pudding for all to see. The end result is a beautiful canopy with flowing lines, readable ripples and a structure that is a good example of excellence in the use of tubular structural steel and truly deserving of the Tubular Category award for Steel Awards 2012.

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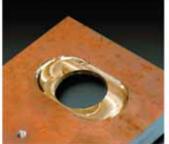
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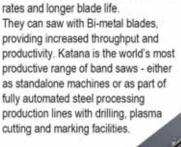








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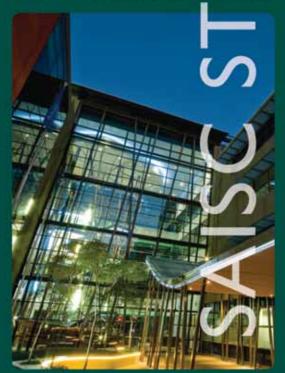
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