

# Sebata Group wins Best Established Black Business award

The Sebata Group of companies won the Van Ryn's Black Business Quarterly (BBQ) Award for Best Established Black Business at a red-carpet event last Friday. Altogether, the awards included 14 categories, amongst others the best-established business, best established SMME, the platinum visionary award, businesswoman and businessman of the year and one for young achievers.



"Business is all about adding value, and we are getting it right," said Group CEO Matome Modipa, who built the company's success on holistic and integrated business methods for the engineering, leisure and financial services sectors.

Pitting its engineering might against fellow construction company Keren Kula and transport group AB350 from Transkei, it won the Best Established Black Business Award through an application that highlighted its vision, staff empowerment, business growth, operational success and social investment.

## Calibre of entrants

Amongst the 10 judges, Vusi Thembekwayo mentioned that, "The calibre of entrants this year has grown leaps and bounds." Other judges included Don Mkhwanazi, dubbed the 'Godfather of Black Economic Empowerment' and Sasol CFO Christine Ramon.

Opening the ceremony was Minister of Mineral Resources, Susan Shabangu, with Geoffery Qhena, who heads-up the IDC, eloquently summing up the spirit of black empowerment today by paying tribute to those who persevere in difficult circumstances. Creating a legacy in fact was a strong underlying theme in the keynote speeches.

