

Sustainable Architecture Awards launched

AfriSam is sponsoring the first-ever South African Award for Sustainable Architecture. The AfriSam-South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) award is aimed at recognising outstanding achievement in sustainable architecture.

The initiative was launched at the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) convention which took place between 21 and 23 October 2009 in Cape Town.

"Architecture, as the most visible and public art, is also now expected to serve as a vehicle of embedding and communicating the delight in sustainability. An important function of SAIA is to recognise and promote excellence in architecture and to create public awareness and debate on architectural issues. The awards programme is in support of these goals," says Al Stratford, current president of SAIA.

"As sponsors of this award, we are proud to be associated with SAIA in recognising outstanding achievements in sustainable architecture," says Victor Bouguenon, marketing manager for AfriSam. ■

More information can be downloaded from SAIA's website: www.saia.org.za