



Shell Namibia Environmental Management Award 1994 Winner

Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication: Rehabilitation of District Road 3608

For the Shell Environmental Award for 1994, entries were received from the following client organisations:

- Chevron Namibia: Offshore drilling operations
- City of Windhoek: 2 urban roads projects
- Gold Fields Namibia: Waterberg environmental training centre
- Department of Water Affairs: Oanob Dam
- Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication: Rehabilitation of District Road 3608 in the Ovambo-speaking regions

Entries were adjudicated by a panel of judges representing various disciplines. At the well-attended award ceremony, held on the evening of 11 August 1994 at 6 Puccini St., the entrants entertained the guests to impressive audio-visual presentations that did full justice to the high quality of all entries received.

Due to the wide variation among entries, the judges took cognisance of the fact that some entries predisposed themselves better than others to a favourable evaluation in regard to the various adjudication criteria used, purely on account of the nature of the project itself. An example is the evaluation of a social upliftment project versus a purely technical project. Since entries were being adjudicated for an environmental management award, the focus was placed on how the application of the concepts of integrated environmental management to the project enhanced the intrinsic value of each project.

In this regard, the project entered by the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication (MWTC) scored consistently high against almost all of the criteria used. It was clearly evident that in its inception, the MWTC project had not merely been considered in isolation within the scope of the project itself, but was developed within the framework of a whole environmental program for the area in which the project was located. In this regard, the MWTC project was considered directive of the course to be taken in future developments, in the true spirit of integrated environmental management.

Consequently, the 1994 Shell Environmental Management Award was awarded to the project team of the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication and Bicon Consulting Engineers Inc. Congratulations to the team on a well-earned honour! Special thanks to the sponsor, all the entrants, the judges and organisers for making this a memorable occasion.