



Hulamin CEO Alan Fourie receives the manufacturing sector award from KZN Treasury HoD Siphos Shabalala at the FNB KZN Top Business Awards 2008.

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NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited general manager Patrick Kime receives the agriculture sector award from Shabalala.

## FNB business awards honour businesses

### KAVITH HARRILALL

KZN'S captains of industry gathered on Thursday evening in Durban to celebrate the success of local businesses over the past year at the second First National Bank (FNB) KZN Top Business Awards 2008.

Winners in their categories included NCT Forestry Co-operative Ltd, Hulamin and Umgeni Water.

### THE WINNERS

**AGRICULTURE:** NCT Forestry Co-operative Ltd  
**MINING AND QUARRYING:** Richards Bay Minerals  
**MANUFACTURING:** Hulamin Limited  
**UTILITIES:** Umgeni Water  
**CONSTRUCTION:** Group Five KZN  
**TRADE:** Spar Group KZN  
**TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION:** Richards Bay Coal Terminal  
**FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES:** Shepstone and Wylie  
**SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES:** KZNonSource  
**TOURISM (additional award):** Gooderson Leisure Corporation.

The Stables Wine Estate and the European Union-funded Gijima KZN walked away with the main Partnership Award for their public-private partnership (PPP).

Finance and Economic Development MEC Dr Zweli Mkhize assured guests in his keynote address that political stability during and after next year's election period is a virtual certainty.

FNB KZN provincial executive David Montsho noted that about 33% of FNB's small business funding goes to businesses in KZN, making it the leading province in this category.

Grant Adlam, CEO of Pearl Coral 4, the driving force behind the FNB KZN Top Business Portfolio, showed off their relaunched website, which has become a key tool for potential investors.

Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura, publisher of the portfolio, added: "These organisations are prospering and participating in the process of building the province's future through their commitment to the communities around them".

Over 150 nominations from a range of top companies were received.

