



# KWAZULU-NATAL TOP BUSINESS PORTFOLIO AWARDS 2010



## Agriculture finalists and winner



The agriculture category, which includes farming activities and forestry, was won by Tongaat Hulett. Representing the leading agri-processing business was Bongani Gumede, who was presented with the award by (from left) Grant Adlam, Lalita Ventura, Elizabeth Maepa and Michael Mabuyakhulu.

THE finalists in the agriculture category – which includes farming activities and forestry – are NCT Forestry Co-operative, The Stables and Tongaat Hulett.

**NCT Forestry Co-operative**  
NCT Forestry Co-operative is an international supplier of quality round wood timber and hardwood pulp chips. NCT assists its members to achieve their full forestry potential and to optimise the best financial results on a sustainable basis.

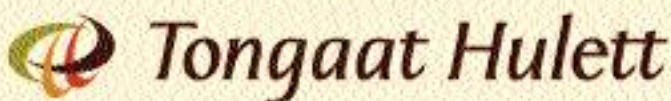
**The Stables**  
The Stables wine estate has pioneered KwaZulu-Natal's wine industry in the Midlands area, achieving what many regarded as the impossible. The new wine industry is growing steadily, with plans to plant vineyards on the north coast of KwaZulu-Natal forging ahead. It is expected that 2010 will be a milestone year with the release of the first bubbly produced in the great French tradition.

**WINNER: Tongaat Hulett**  
Tongaat Hulett is acknowledged as a key stakeholder in KwaZulu-Natal. Through its sugar, agricultural land management and development operations, it is one of the largest employers in the province. Tongaat Hulett has established itself as a leading large scale agri-processing business and is well positioned to benefit from the changing world of agriculture and agri-processing.

## Tourism winner: Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife



Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, represented on stage by Bandile Mkhize, scooped the special tourism award. Presenting Mkhize with the trophy and certificate are Grant Adlam, Lalita Ventura, Elizabeth Maepa (CEO FNB Public Sector Banking) and Michael Mabuyakhulu (KZN MEC for Economic Development and Tourism).



## Finalist in the KZN Top Business Awards 2010

Tongaat Hulett is an independent agri-processing business which includes integrated components of land management, property development and agriculture.

Through its sugar and starch operations in Southern Africa, Tongaat Hulett produces a range of refined carbohydrate products from sugar cane and maize. It has considerable expertise in downstream agricultural products, biofuel production and electricity cogeneration. Competition for water and alternative land usage is an ongoing dynamic. Demand for food products is increasing worldwide, renewable energy has introduced a new dimension to agriculture and agricultural trade regimes are changing.

Tongaat Hulett balances the operational requirement for cane supplies to its sugar cane processing operations with the transition of agricultural land to other uses at the appropriate times. It is well positioned to benefit from this changing world of agriculture and agri-processing.

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