

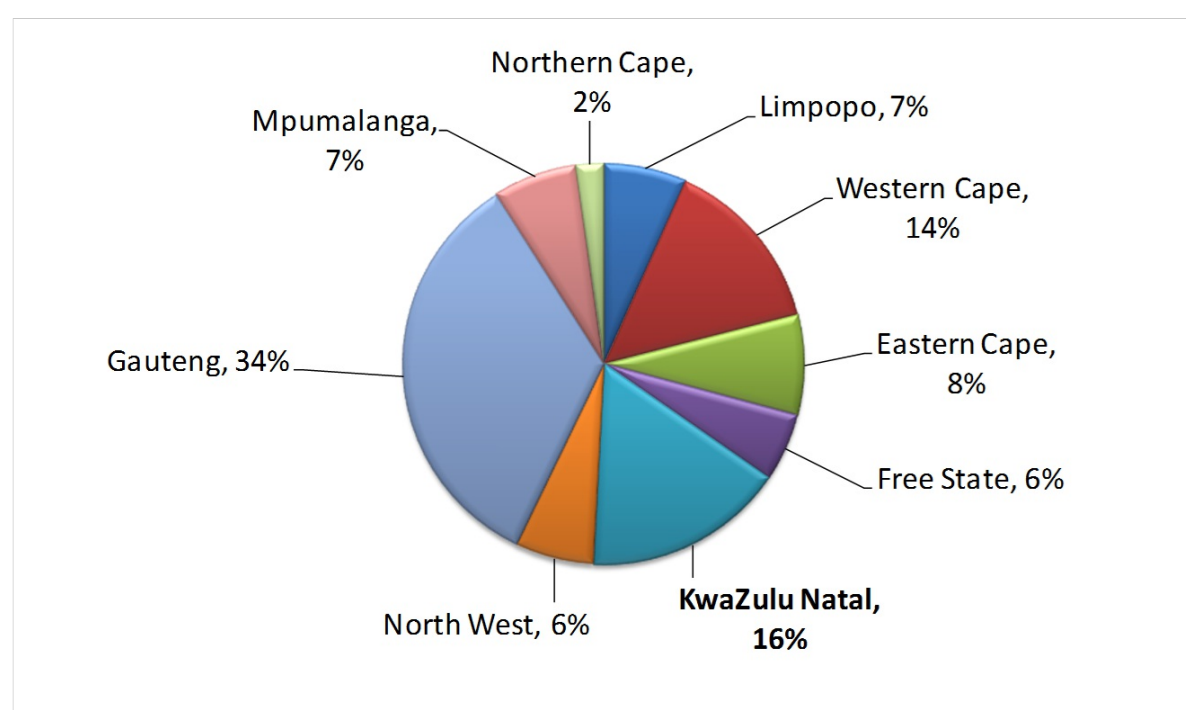


For over a decade, the Durban Chamber of Commerce (DCCI) has collaborated with Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) to highlight successful exporters in KwaZulu Natal. Each year, the programme culminates in the KZN Exporter of the Year Awards Gala Dinner at which the winners are announced. This year the awards were held on 29 October 2015 at Sibaya. The Keynote Address was by Mr Zama Gwala, CEO of TIKZN, and Mr Richard Jacob, CEO of Hulamin, was the guest speaker.

The DCCI through its International Business Department aims to promote international trade in the eThekweni Municipal area and beyond. This aim speaks to Goal 1, 2 and 8 of the Business Vision for the Economic Development of Durban. The Chamber initiated the Business Vision to challenge the Business community in eThekweni, to apply its collective mind to encourage local economic development.

- Goal 1: Increased investment in the city's economy
- Goal 2: Institutional partnership and collaboration
- Goal 8: The achievement of 'International Destination' status for leisure, business and other tourists

The awards are an ideal showcase for emerging and established exporters of a wide range of goods. With a GDP contribution of 16%, KwaZulu Natal is the second largest economic contributor to the South African economy. A large part of the KZN economy is as a result of being host to the Durban Container Terminal, the largest in Southern Africa, and Richards Bay Terminal. These two facilities are among 16 terminals run by TPT. KZN's contribution to the SA GDP:



Dumile Cele, CEO DCCI commented, "We celebrate and attempt to encourage exports out of KZN. The KZN economy needs to improve as it is currently faced with imports that are higher than it exports, making KZN a market for other countries to benefit, while we remain a follower on the world economic stage."

The DCCI acknowledges all sponsors that have joined in support of the 2015 KZN Exporter of the Year Awards. They include **Transnet Port Terminals (Tpt)**, **Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda)**, **Kwazulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA)**, **Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC)**, **eThekweni Maritime Cluster (EMC)** and **Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal (TIKZN)**.

**This year's finalists and winners:**

**CATEGORY: Emerging - Sponsored by SEDA**

- Rocket Works (Pty) Ltd [Winner]
- Pakco [Finalist]
- SBS Water Systems ( Pty) Ltd [Finalist]

**CATEGORY: Small - Sponsored by EDTEA**

- Dick Whittington Shoes (Pty) Ltd [Winner]
- Mexan Products (Pty) Ltd [Finalist]
- Kagiso Interactive [Finalist]

**CATEGORY: Medium - Sponsored by ECIC**

- ND Engineering [Winner]
- Anderson Engineering Food and Chemical Equipment [Finalist]
- AJ Charnaud and CO (Pty) Ltd [Finalist]

**CATEGORY: Large - Sponsored by TPT**

- Ferro South Africa Ltd NCS Resin Coatings [Winner]
- Futura Footwear Ltd [Finalist]
- Sumitomo Rubber South Africa [Finalist]

**SERVICE PROVIDER - Sponsored by EThekweni Maritime Cluster**

- Mediterranean Shipping Company (Pty) Ltd [Winner]
- DAL Agency [Finalist]
- Triple S Shipping [Finalist]

**CATEGORY: AFRICA - Sponsored by TIKZN**

- Futura Footwear Ltd [Winner]
- Sumitomo Rubber South Africa (Pty) Ltd [Finalist]
- Inhep Electronics [Finalist]

**SPECIAL BBB-EE AWARD - Sponsored by TPT**

- Pakco

**SUSTAINABILITY AWARD - Sponsored by DCCI**

- Imperial Armour

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**Thank you for a good year and well done to all the winners and finalists. Look out for 2016 entries!**



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