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SANEA ENERGY AWARDS 2010

2010 Award Winner

SANEA ENERGY PROJECT CATEGORY

Highly Commended

ABSA

Sandile Mthiyane (in absentia)



The Absa Campus including the new Absa Towers West buildings comprises eight buildings with a total usable area of 130 000m². When Absa initiated the Towers West Project in 2006 they decided to review the way in that the whole Absa campus was powered.

Through their Energy Centre Absa has shown themselves to be leaders in the field of Energy saving and sustainability. The Energy Centre is the first of its kind in Southern Africa. Using gas generators with the gas supplied by Egoli Gas the Energy Centre is able to generate 11.2 MW of power. On weekdays from 07h00 to 20h00 Absa run the Energy Centre in cogeneration with City Power and by doing so reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 18700 tons per annum, equivalent to replanting 1900 hectares of rain forest. By reducing their dependence on Eskom, particularly during peak hours, Absa is also doing its part to take some of the strain off the national electricity grid and help reduce unnecessary outages all while reducing their impact on the environment.