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**T**HE TOP500 Awards, in association with Top500: South Africa's Best Managed Companies publication, is proud to have announced the winners at the launch of the TOP500 awards that took place at the Wanderers Club on Tuesday 30 November 2010.

The premium, invite-only event hosted some of the country's top business CEO's, innovators, corporate mavericks and media including; SABC 3, SAFM and Business Report.

The awards bring together a sample set of 5 000 companies researched and measured across three key areas, people, profit and quality of operation.

The qualitative data was supplied by participating companies and each three key areas were weighted and scored ac-

ordingly then ranked as one of the top five companies within their sector.

The Top500 companies represent 100 sectors of the economy. The number-one company of each 100 sectors supplied three years of financial indicators and were then further whittled down to compete against each other in 14 broad sector categories, leaving 42 top-three finalists of which only one in each category could emerge as South Africa's Top500 Best Managed Company for 2010 in that category.

"Business success is about creativity, seizing opportunities and being one step ahead of your competitors. All winners represent companies that are smart enough to have the right to be called a TOP500 company that truly signifies your status," says Richard Fletcher, publisher

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**Vincent Uren,  
Kumba Ore  
Limited and  
Yusuf Seedat,  
Topco Media.**



of Top500: South Africa's Best Managed Companies.

After such a successful event the organisers and sponsors of the Top500 Awards are pleased to announce the prestigious winners within their categories:

1. Resources:

Kumba Iron Ore Limited; Special Mention: Anglo Platinum Limited, BP Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd;

2. Basic Industries:

Sasol Limited – Chemicals Division  
Special Mentions: AfriSam (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd, Murray & Roberts Holdings Limited

3. General Industrials:

Mercedes-Benz South Africa (Pty) Ltd;  
Special Mentions: CSE/Northmec, Nampak Limited;

4. Food & Beverage:

The South African Breweries Limited;  
Special Mentions: Senwes Limited, Tongaat Hulett Limited;

5. Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals, and Personal Products:

Unilever South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Special Mentions: Netcare Limited, Adcock Ingram Limited;

6. Retail:

Shoprite Holdings Limited;

Special Mentions: Massmart Holdings Limited, Nike South Africa (Pty) Ltd;

7. Travel, Leisure & Entertainment:

Sun International Limited; Special Mentions: Tourvest Holdings (Pty) Ltd, Sandton Convention Centre;

8. Media:

Multichoice South Africa (Pty)

Ltd;  
Special Mentions: Ogilvy SA (Pty) Ltd, Mediacom South Africa;

9. Business Support Services: Adcorp Holdings Limited;

Special Mentions: Fidelity Security Group (Pty) Ltd, Innovation Group (Pty) Ltd;

10. Transport: DHL Global Forwarding SA (Pty) Ltd;

Special Mentions: Grindrod Limited, Fleet Africa (Pty) Ltd;

11. Financial Services: Standard Bank Group Limited;

Special Mentions: Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited, The Hollard Insurance Company Limited;

12. ICT: Vodacom Group Limited;

Special Mentions: Pinnacle Technology Holdings Limited,

Internet Solutions;

13. Parastatal: Eskom Holdings Limited;

Special Mentions: Rand Water, Telkom SA Limited; and,

14. Diversified Holding Companies:

Anglo American South Africa Limited;

Special Mentions: The Bidvest Group Limited, Naspers Limited.

"It is very exciting to finally see these awards come to fruition! Over the years we have had ample requests to have a Top500 Awards, and this year, it finally becomes a reality. Congratulations to all the Top Companies in their sector. May the Top500 Awards grow from strength to strength!" says Fletcher.

For more information on the Top500 Awards, please visit [www.top500awards.co.za](http://www.top500awards.co.za).