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# Winners of the 2010 Africa investor Infrastructure Investment Awards announced at Ai Projects Summit

**London, Beijing, Johannesburg, Nairobi, Casablanca, Lagos; 21 October 2010:** Africa investor (Ai), a leading international investment research and communications group, tonight announced the winners of the 2010 Africa investor Investment Awards at a ceremony during the Ai Infrastructure Projects Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In the first category, the Developer of the Year award went to Copperbelt Energy Corporation for their various developments across the continent. Power Deal of the Year went to Nampower and Zimbabwean Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA) for their work with the Hwange Power Plant. Transport Deal of the Year was awarded to the National Ports Authority for the Kribi Deepwater Port in Cameroon. The ICT/Telecoms of the Year award was presented to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), African Development Bank (AfDB), KFW of Germany and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) for their exceptional work on the East African Submarine Cable System (EASSy), while Water Deal of the Year was awarded to the Rand Merchant Bank for their work with the eThekwini Municipality.

Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year was awarded to Futuregrowth and NURCHA for their work on the NURCHA housing and community projects while, in an interesting twist, Oil and Gas Deal of the Year was jointly awarded to Bowman Gilfillan for overseeing the Ibhubesi Gas Field, and Citadel Capital for their work with the Egypt Refining Company. Judges were undecided and so it was awarded to both. PPP Champion of the Year was presented to the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), while Infrastructure Fund of the Year deservedly went to Harith for its Pan African Infrastructure Development Fund. Infrastructure Regulator of the Year was awarded to the Railway Safety Regulator, SARA, for the exceptional Trans-Kalahari Rail Line project in Botswana.

Sponsor of the Year was presented to Dangote Group in recognition of the various projects they have sponsored across the continent, and Bank Arranger of the Year was awarded to Stanbic IBTC for their work in the Oando Plc refinancing scheme. Legal Advisor of the Year award was given to Bell Dewar for the Independent Power Peaking Project, Central African Gold Ghana Ltd, while Advisor of the Year went to Fieldstone for the Tema Osonor Plant. Regional Project of the Year was given to the Development Bank of Southern Africa for the outstanding Kasumbalesa Border Post Project, and Construction Company of the Year award was given to the Bombela Concession Company for its various construction projects. Finally, Infrastructure Personality of the Year was presented to the Honourable Minister for Transport, South Africa, Sibusiso Ndebele.

Full a full list of winners, see below.

Commenting on the Awards, Hubert Danso, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Africa investor, said; "These awards are evidence of the improving quality of infrastructure investments on the continent and global competitiveness of African infrastructure as an investable asset class.

We are delighted to be able to honour these winners and recognize the achievements of all the entrants."

The Africa investor Infrastructure Investment Awards took place alongside the Africa investor Infrastructure Projects Summit, running from 21-22 October 2010 at The Venue, Melrose Arch in Johannesburg.

Sponsors of the Africa investor Infrastructure Investment Summit 2010 include: Rand Water; Proparco; Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA); Suburban Telecoms, MacQuarie, Rand Merchant Bank, Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA); ZipBCC (Zambian Border Crossing Company), Bunengi, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the NEPAD Business Group, African Investment Advisory and the African Business Roundtable.

#### Africa investor Infrastructure Projects Awards 2010 Winners:

#### **Developer of the Year**

Copperbelt Energy Corporation - Various

#### Power Deal of the Year

Nampower, Zimbabwean Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA) - Hwange Power Plant, Matabeleland

#### **Transport Deal of the Year**

National Ports Authority - Kribi Deepwater Port

#### **ICT/Telecoms of the Year**

International Finance Corporation (IFC), African Development Bank (AfDB), KFW of Germany and the Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD) - East African Submarine Cable System (EASSy)

#### Water Deal of the Year

eThekwini Municipality - Rand Merchant Bank

# Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year

Futuregrowth & NURCHA - NURCHA

Oil and Gas Deal of the Year

Bowman Gilfillan - Ibhubesi Gas Field

Citadel Capital - Egypt Refining Company

# **PPP Champion of the Year**

Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC)

# Infrastructure Fund of the Year

Harith PAIDF

# Infrastructure Regulator of the Year

Railway Safety Regulator, SARA - Trans-Kalahari Rail Line, Botswana

#### Sponsor of the Year

Dangote Group - Various

# Bank Arranger of the Year

Stanbic IBTC - The Oando Plc Refinancing

# Legal Advisor of the Year

Bell Dewar - Independent Power Peaking Project, Central African Gold Ghana Ltd

# Advisor of the Year

Fieldstone - Tema Osonor Plant Ltd

# **Regional Project of the Year**

Development Bank of Southern Africa - Kasumbalesa Border Post Project

#### **Construction Company of the Year**

Bombela Concession Company - Various

# Infrastructure Personality of the Year

Honourable Minister Sibusiso Ndebele, Minister of Transport, South Africa

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#### Notes to Editors

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