

FNB AND THE ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATE THE FNB BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2015

Johannesburg, 20th November, 2015 - Last night Enel Green Power and Dina Soukop were each recognised as Business Enterprise and Business Person of the Year winners respectively, during the 16th edition of the FNB Business Excellence Awards. The event was attended by an esteemed list of dignitaries, some included the Ambassador of Italy to South Africa Vincenzo Schioppa Narrante, the Italian Consul General in Johannesburg Marco Petacco and Honourable David Makhura the Premier of Gauteng.

FNB and the Italian-South African Chamber of Trade and Industries recognised and awarded worthy businesses that have contributed to the economic growth of the country through their commercial achievements over the year.

The winners of the 2015 edition are:

- **Business Enterprise of the Year:** Enel Green Power
- **Business Person of the Year:** Dina Soukop – Soukop Property Group
- **The Honorary Chairperson’s Award:** Mr Paolo Borzatta - The European House - Ambrosetti
- **The Lifetime Recognition Award:** Mr Giuseppe Cimato - Founder of Efficient Engineering
- **Chairman Award:** Professor Franco Guidozi –

CEO of FNB Business, Mike Vacy-Lyle, said “We need more events of this nature in order to celebrate entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurs are the heroes creating jobs and growing the South African economy. Every year we recognise businessmen and women that have gone the extra-mile to succeed in a challenging operating environment. Congratulations to all the winners.”

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The winners of the raffle and the relevant prizes were:

- First prize: **2 Business Class Tickets** from JHB to Rome on Etihad Airways via Abu Dhabi, won by VINCENZO DI BELLA, ticket N 0058
- Second prize: **A U-Boat Classico Watch from Elegance** to the value of R37 000, won by Sylvia Kennedy, ticket N 713
- Third prize: a **SMEG Raffle Prize**, to the value of R15 000, won by Steven Tipping, with the ticket N 466
- Fourth prize: **One Night Bed & Breakfast at Southern Sun Hyde Park**, plus voucher at Luce Restaurant valued at R600 won by Costantino Buccimazza, ticket number N 269

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- Fifth prize: **Hamper of Maserati merchandise** to the value of R5000, won by Jason Mannix, ticket N 676
- Sixth prize: **One Night Bed & Breakfast at Garden Court Hatfield**, won by Sylvia Kennedy, ticket N 712
- Seventh prize: **Loison Magnum Panettone** valued at R2500, won by Senushla Vythilingum, ticket N 658

Antonio Cimato, Chairman of the Chamber, thanked everyone for attending and expressed his gratitude to the staff of the Chamber as well as outlining his hopes for the Chamber to grow in strength and numbers.