



From left to right, Claude Gorgulho (CEL), Anthony Gracie (Cape Brick), Silvio Ferraris (CMA president) and Alison Ferraris

CEL and Cape Brick venture scoops top awards

Two Cape Town-based brick manufacturers have received awards for manufacturing top quality products, produced from equipment supplied by Pan Mixers South Africa (PMSA) – Africa’s leading manufacturer of concrete block, brick and paving machinery.

PMSA joins two of its customers in celebration after they scooped up a number of awards at the Concrete Masonry Association (CMA) Awards Ceremony, which took place at a gala function in Johannesburg on 6 November 2010.

The bi-annual awards ceremony, held in recognition of excellence in pre-cast concrete and concrete products, saw Cape Town-based CEL Paving Products and Cape Brick share the Regional and National awards for their joint venture in production of PlazaBloks, PlazaQuartet, Classic Cobble, Lava Kerbs and Lava Channels – all manufactured using a range of PMSA equipment.

The highlight of the evening for CEL Paving was; however, being awarded the highly coveted premier award, which the company won for its marble-exposed aggregate paving bricks, which have been used in the urban renewal programme in Phillipi, Cape Town.

CEL Paving managing director Claude Gorgulho notes that the evening exceeded all expectations: “This has been by far our most successful year at the CMA Awards, and we are especially proud to have received the premier award.”

He points out that the bricks were manufactured using a PMSA VB1 topping feed, with a separate batching plant. “Thanks to a good team effort, and the reliable service and support provided by PMSA, CEL Paving has been able to achieve increasing success, and the company is looking forward to what the future holds for the industry,” Gorgulho continues.

Together, CEL Paving and Cape Brick won the coastal award in the residential category of the paving products section, for their PlazaBloks, PlazaQuartet Blocks and Lava Kerbs and Channels that were used at The Curzon in Constantia, Cape Town. The winning duo also scooped the national and coastal award in the roads category for their PlazaBloks, PlazaQuartet Blocks, Classic Cobble and Lava Kerbs and Channels that were used at Market Square in Hermanus.

Cape Brick managing director Anthony Gracie says: “This is the first time that Cape Brick has won an award in the paving category, and we hope that this success is a sign of things to come in the future. What makes this award even more special is the fact that the paving division of Cape Brick underwent a restructure with new management just one year ago, and we hope that this is the start of a successful new era. PMSA has been a reliable supplier of mixing and batching plants to Cape Brick for the past 15 years, and our success rests on the back of the company’s reliable products and excellent service.”

PMSA director Walter Ebeling notes that CEL and Cape Brick have two VB4XA block machines, a VB1A block machine, as well as Pavatile moulding and V300 turbine pan mixers. He continues: “With wet cast products, the moulds often bulge out. Pavatile has, however, developed a technology of mould-making that produces superior wet cast products with extreme accuracy, from moulds that are exceptionally consistent.”

Ebeling adds: “PMSA is extremely proud to be associated with CEL Paving and Cape Brick. Both companies are producing world-class products using PMSA equipment, which is a big compliment to us. We view our clients’ success as our own success too and; therefore, do not only focus on supplying world-class machinery, but unrivalled after-sales and technical support too.” ■