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SALGA CEO Mr Xolile George recognised as the Continental Winner in the Public Enterprise sector of CEO Global Titans - Building Nations 2015 Awards

On Tuesday night, 10 November 2015, SALGA CEO Mr Xolile George was recognised for his achievement as the Continental Winner in the Public Enterprise sector of CEO Global Titans - Building Nations 2015 Awards, in a prestigious gala event which was attended by top business leaders, decision makers and captains of the industry in the continent at the Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand.

The recognition follows SALGA's consistent performance in many respects, thanks to the dedicated team of SALGA employees who made this all possible.

The organisation continues to maintain a high profile position locally with its members and with stakeholders in provincial and national government, as well as with international bodies and this award only confirms SALGA is progressively building its reputation internationally.

SALGA has achieved 98 percent against its Annual Performance Plan in 2014/15 – an outstanding achievement. The organisation has evolved into a high performance organisation having achieved over 95% of its targets over the last two years. The organisation continues to maintain a relatively high profile position locally with its members and with stakeholders in provincial and national government, as well as with international bodies and other influential bodies with relevance to local government.

The organisation has achieved improved clean audit outcomes three years consecutively after a sustained period of difficulties. The financial health has also improved significantly which is an important feat in building a resilient body that is responsive to the needs of its member municipalities.

Mr Xolile George himself was a recipient of numerous awards in his previous roles as the regional director, executive director for community development and also the executive director of economic development in the City of Johannesburg, and was named as a Boss of the Year finalist in 2014. He was initially recognised for his leadership at the Titans-Africa Awards' ceremony in July 2015 as the national winner in the Public Entities/Enterprises category as well as the SADC regional winner and this automatically qualified him as a finalist in the Continental CEO Global Awards where he

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emerged as the Continental Winner in the Public Enterprise sector of CEO Global Titans - Building Nations 2015 Awards.

Mr Xolile George says: "As it is part of our mandate to recognise good work, it's good to see other bodies recognising good work too. For me, this achievement tells me that there are people who appreciate what I am doing, and in turn, SALGA is also getting the recognition it deserves both locally and internationally. SALGA is being given its own platform to speak on issues, where we were never considered for an opinion on anything in the past," he says.

"But there is still work to do. We want to build an organisation that is much more agile and responsive. We want to be known for our knowledge, where every municipality in the country thinks to call on us first. We want to be able to offer smart solutions for any problem, as well good advice, quickly and efficiently. Our biggest focus going forward is the restoration of local government's image and the connection between and experience of their citizens," says Mr Xolile George.

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