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### ***Growthpoint Properties shines at SAPOA excellence awards***

Growthpoint Properties was awarded a bouquet of prestigious SAPOA (South African Property Owners Association) Innovative Excellence Awards 2014 for ground-breaking property development yesterday.

SAPOA announced the award winners at its award ceremony at the 46<sup>th</sup> annual SAPOA International Property Convention and Exhibition in Cape Town. The awards showcase outstanding property development.

No. 1 Silo at the V&A Waterfront was announced as the overall winner of the coveted awards, it also won the corporate office development category and the overall green award. While No. 2 Silo at V&A Waterfront triumphed in the residential developments group.

Both are developed by the V&A Waterfront, owned in equal parts by Growthpoint Properties and the Government Employees Pension Fund represented by the Public Investment Corporation (SOC) Limited, and designed by Rick Brown Architects, VDMMA.

No. 1 Silo is the 18,500sqm corporate head office of blue-chip client Allan Gray. It is part of the first phase in the Silo Precinct of V&A Waterfront, which will soon see the redevelopment of the historical Grain Silo. With its abundant innovative sustainability features the building has been awarded the region's first GBCSA Six-Star Green Star SA rating, and is seeking an "As Built" rating too. No. 1 Silo is designed to reflect its tenant's company values and encourage greater communication between its staff members. It overlooks Silo Square and the Atlantic Ocean.

No. 2 Silo is the V&A Waterfront's first residential development in more than five years and the first residential development to be assessed using the GBCSA Multi-Unit Residential Design rating tool and to receive a 4-star rating. Also part of the first phase of the V&A Waterfront Silo Precinct, it comprises 31 one- and two-bedroomed apartments over seven stories. It shares many green features with the adjacent Allan Gray headoffice, as well as unique green innovation like a solar heated rooftop pool and water-wise garden.

Grundfos South Africa in Meadowbrook, Germiston, won the industrial developments category. Owned and developed by Growthpoint, and designed by Empowered Spaces, the innovative facility is located on one of Gauteng's most high profile sites – the junction of the N12 and R24 highways towards O R Tambo International Airport. The development meets Grundfos' strategy to consolidate in a single high-tech industrial facility to serve as its head office. This week Growthpoint also confirmed that it is the first integrated industrial and office facility in South Africa to be awarded a GBCSA 5-Star Green Star SA Office Design rating.

This is the third consecutive year that Growthpoint has won the industrial development category.

Winning an overall innovative merit award, Tshedimosetso House was developed by Growthpoint and designed by ADO Architects, S&A Architects and Urban Concept Architects. The six-storey, 16,400sqm office building was chosen for its innovative solar façade laboratory. It has photovoltaic cells integrated in the glassing of the building's façade. This is linked to a research study by the University of Johannesburg to evaluate this technology in South Africa.

The system hugely improves the building's performance. Besides this standout innovation, the development also considers heritage sensitivities and includes public artwork. It is the second year in a row that Growthpoint has taken the overall green award.

Norbert Sasse, CEO of Growthpoint Properties Limited says: "We're thrilled with these meaningful awards. It highlights Growthpoint's passion for development of quality buildings and giving businesses the space to thrive. It is also a clear reflection of the hard work, commitment and relentless drive - from our team and professional partners - which results in excellent property assets."

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