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Tiber on 115 West

“The WBHO-Tiber Joint Venture received the FEM Super League Trophy for projects valued at over R500 million for its site safety and health achievements on the 115 West Street office block in Sandown”

Jose Correia, Director of Tiber reports

From the outset at tender invitation Tiber and WBHO knew that the project at hand was going to be a major challenge both from a programme perspective and from a degree of difficulty.

“Having come from similar backgrounds and with very similar philosophies and recognising the challenges ahead, we decided that in order to be successful in our tender bid we should form a partnership that would enhance our strengths and make us a formidable force and frontrunners for the bid.

“Once we were awarded the contract the challenge was set and we were quick to mobilise so we could hit the ground running.

“On a project of this nature and with the tight programme we had to follow, we always knew that maintaining a high standard of health and safety on site was going to be a challenge.

“We set out by establishing a very competent safety team whose goals were very clear:

- establish and maintain the required OH&S Act documentation;
- ensure that all subcontractors abide by the same rules;
- ensure that the workforce are all equipped with the required medical certificates and related competency documentation;

- ensure that the conditions on site are monitored daily in order to eliminate all hazards thereby reducing the risk of incidents;
- establishing weekly workshops and toolbox talks to advise on and promote a safe working environment for all and ensure that the work force as a whole work together as a team having the same OH&S goals in mind.

“The WBHO-Tiber joint venture team then set its sights on the GMBA regional safety competition as a goal that needed to be achieved. A few weeks after the official audit we were extremely happy to be advised that all the hard work had paid off, as we achieved first place in the Gauteng area for contracts exceeding R250 million in value.

“Our focus then turned to the National Safety Competition. This competition has added challenges as the Gauteng division has not won this accolade in the past few years. The team went about what was required, once again outdoing themselves and established an OH&S standard that was unmatched in the super league anywhere else in the country.

“The very successful WBHO-Tiber Joint Venture has set new standards in the industry as far as OH&S is concerned and intend doing the same with quality and efficiency, and a timeous delivery of the project.” ■