



David White, CEO of DRG Outsourcing (second from right), receives top honours in the Business and Financial Services category, with Grant Adlam and Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura of Top Business Publication, Elizabeth Maepa CEO First National Bank Public Sector Banking, and Mike Mabuyakhulu MEC for Economic Development and Tourism in KwaZulu-Natal.

Top businesses honoured

LOCAL businesses were honoured at the fourth First National Bank KZN Top Business Portfolio Awards gala dinner held at the Elangeni Hotel recently.

An esteemed list of dignitaries and leaders from various government departments, municipalities and businesses across the province attended the event.

MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Michael Mabuyakhulu said KZN had much success to celebrate and needed to continue to promote investment in the province to promote economic growth.

The 12th edition of the KZN Top Business Portfolio was launched at the

occasion. Publisher Grant Adlam said the portfolio is used to raise the profile of KZN as a first class business destination in the ongoing drive to attract investors and entrepreneurs to the region.

In conjunction with the launch of the Portfolio, an award is given in each economic sector to businesses that are making a contribution to the sustained economic growth of KwaZulu-Natal.

The winners in each category are Tongaat Hulett (agriculture), Richards Bay Minerals (mining and quarrying), PFK Electronics (manufacturing), Spring Lights Gas (utilities), Edison Power Group (construction), McCarthy (trade), Grindrod (transport, storage and

communication), DRG-Outsourcing (financial and business services), UKZN Graduate School of Business (social and community services), Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (tourism), iLembe District Municipality (municipal investment attraction) and KZN Department of the Treasury (government promoting socio-economic growth).

Durban Automotive Cluster received the Partnership award. This top award of the evening is a well-established, proactive and ambitious public-private partnership between the eThekweni Municipality and the automotive industry in KZN that is focused on developing the competitiveness of this industry.

