

ATE WINS TECHNOLOGY TOP 100 AWARD

"ATE is one of the remaining success stories of the South African Defence Industry. Since its establishment in 1984, it just continues to expand its expertise by combining the correct and applicable technology with its excellent understanding of the environment in which its clients are active. This leads to excellent and sustainable defence systems that meet the budget requirements of ATE's clients".

These are the words of the Adjudicators of the 2006 Technology Top 100 competition held yearly in South Africa.

The Technology Top 100 Competition has the official mandate and sponsorship of the Department of Science and Technology, Eskom, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, Alt X, South African Academy of Engineering, TBM Communications and Financial Mail Innovations. It is operated by the Da Vinci Institute of Technology Management and rewards Companies-of-Excellence that exceed in Innovation and Technology.

The categories within which companies compete are:

- Innovation
- Research and Development
- Commercialisation
- Empowerment
- Portfolio Management
- Social Innovation
- Minister's Award for Overall Excellence: Large Companies
- Minister's Award for Overall Excellence: Medium/Small Companies

At a Gala Evening held at Sandton Convention Centre on 16 Nov '06, ATE was awarded the Technology Top 100 Award in the category Portfolio Management with ATE's General Manager, Mr. Sakkie van der Westhuizen receiving the trophy from South Africa Minister of Science and Technology, Mr. Mosibudi Mangena and Mr. Stephan Lamprecht, General Manager of the Technology Top 100 Awards.

ATE: LEADER IN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Rewarding entrants who have excelled in the management of a range of technology operations, by developing synergies and economies of scale, the leader in Portfolio Management Award pays tribute to the enterprise that best lives up to the mantra that two heads are better than one.

Whilst feeling proud of the major achievement in being recognised as one of the eight Top Technology Companies in South Africa, ATE was also a runner-up in the category of Minister's Award for Overall Excellence: Large Companies