



CAIA Awards 2020

A winning Company

The South African chemical industry is represented by the Chemical and Allied Industries' Association (CAIA) which has 135 members including chemical manufacturers, traders and industry service providers. CAIA is part of a worldwide network of chemical industry associations and seeks to promote the continual improvement of performance in the safety, health and environmental arenas as well as to boost productivity and competitiveness of the industry in South Africa, thereby enhancing its sustainability. CAIA is the custodian of the global Responsible Care® initiative which was launched in South Africa in 1994. Through this initiative, companies make a formal public commitment to continual improvement in safety, health and environmental performance.

The Responsible Care® Awards are held annually. While there are six awards as a rule, a special COVID-19 Award was included for 2020.

At the CAIA Awards recently, AECI won three of five categories namely Company Initiative of the Year, Responsible Care® and Sustained High Performance. Runner-up awards were also received in three categories namely Company Initiative of the Year, Sustained High Performance and CSR Initiative of the Year:

AWARD NAME	AWARDEE
Responsible Care® Award	AECI Mining Explosives <i>Acknowledged for improvements over 10 years, including reductions in explosives waste, improved plant efficiencies and lower air emissions.</i>
Responsible Care® Sustainable High Performance Award – Category A	AECI Mining Explosives (winner) and AECI Mining Chemicals (runner-up) <i>Here a signatory's performance is acknowledged on the basis of the number of times that signatory appears in the top 10% for all selected indicators and averaged for each of the three years being assessed. The total score is determined by adding the average over the three years.</i>
Initiative of the Year Award – Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	AECI Water (runner-up) <i>Acknowledged for its Hammanskraal community water project.</i>
Initiative of the Year Award – Company	AECI (winner) and AECI Water (runner-up) <i>AECI was acknowledged for its Zero Harm strategy launched in 2017 and AECI Water was acknowledged for its role in reducing point source emissions and the environmental footprint at the Umbogintwini Industrial Complex.</i>

AECI triumphed against other industry leaders like BME, Omnia, Dow, BASF and Sasol.

As a long-standing member of CAIA, the Group plays an active role in CAIA committees and forums, namely:

CAIA Board

I am a member

Responsible Care® Standing Committee

Neil Franklin, Group Safety, Health and Environment Manager is a member

Process Safety Forums and other Committees

Several AECI representatives are active participants

A video of our three winning submissions is available via the link below:

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Regards

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good chemistry

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One AECI, for a better world