

CROWN NATIONAL SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER AT THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024





BUSINESS UNIT OF THE YEAR





This business did not generate the biggest top line or the highest gross profit. And not even the highest operational profit.

This business competes on the toughest market with more than 30 competitors trying to eat their cheese. It doesn't compete in the blue ocean! But swims in bloody shark infested markets.

It is the business unit that remain humble, unassuming, goal directed even though it shares it resources. Even though it also battles for stock. Contributed the highest trading profit of all commercial branches and delivered an impressive return on funds employed (ROFE) of 56.5%. The business unit of the year goes to Gauteng South.

John Morris – Crown Food Group CEO



MD EXCELLENCE AWARD - Andrew Durieux



This individual is mindful, Is never complacent. Has loads of positive energy and an effervescent personality. A good communicator. Trustworthy. Dependable. Agile and adaptive, Open minded & A real team player.

A wise head and guide who leads quietly but effectively. For achieving so much with very little fanfare

John Morris – Crown Food Group CEO

INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR - Charles van Schalkwyk



I am writing to wholeheartedly nominate this exceptional individual for the Innovator of the Year Award. He has been an instrumental force in developing our new product lines, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction.

Throughout the year, he consistently went above and beyond in his role. His willingness to assist in every phase of product development—from conceptualization to testing—has not only enhanced our products but also fostered a collaborative environment that encourages others to contribute their best ideas.

In recognition of his exceptional contribution and the positive impact he has had on our company, I believe he is the ideal candidate for the Innovator of the Year Award. His efforts have not only driven our success but have also set a benchmark for innovation within our industry....

John Morris – Crown Food Group CEO

SALESPERSON OF THE YEAR - Frans Ferns



He demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout the year, not only maintaining but also strengthening relationships with our key retail accounts.

His strategic acumen led to substantial growth across various sectors: Additives & Spices saw a 55% increase, Proteins surged by 75%, and Condiments grew by 19%.

In addition to managing his own client portfolio, he spearheaded his sales team to achieve their targets. His unwavering leadership played a pivotal role in the branch meeting its annual budget, cementing his status as a crucial contributor to our branch's success....

John Morris - Crown Food Group CEO

BRAND AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

- Jannie Lewis



This seasoned individual took on the challenge of heading up a new division while continuing in their current role, demonstrating remarkable leadership and versatility. Leveraging their vast experience, they capitalized on the opportunities presented by load shedding by introducing a new range of equipment.

Despite the price premium of our new OKTO Swift Bandsaw, their strategic vision ensured that it set the bar beyond the reach of our competitors.

Their exceptional dedication, innovative approach, and strategic foresight have significantly contributed to our company's success. It gives me great pleasure to present this prestigious award to a most deserving individual.

John Morris - Crown Food Group CEO

SIX GUN GRILL HOT SPECIAL AWARD - Surasha Govender



Too often, when a development request is logged, we end up creating what we believe the customer wants, based on their initial request. However, this time around, the Food Technologist developed precisely according to the specifications in the brief and succeeded on the first attempt. This has resulted in the largest launch order post-commercialization to date.

Therefore, this special award goes to a most deserving individual who shows remarkable promise for a bright future.

John Morris – Crown Food Group CEO

TROPHY AWARDS

Outstanding achievements honored: Trophy awards recipients announced

Award	Category	Winner	Branch
TROPHY AWARD	Best Driver Award	Karabo Matabele	Klerksdorp
TROPHY AWARD	Central Procurement	Francois Brinkhuis	CPT Head Office
TROPHY AWARD	Supply Chain Commercial Award	Ryan Best	Gauteng South
TROPHY AWARD	Occupational Health and Safety Award	Maricka Ferreira	Port Elizabeth
TROPHY AWARD	Group Financial Award	Yenusha Naidoo	Gauteng South
TROPHY AWARD	Credit Controller Award	Diann Naidoo	KwaZulu Natal
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Technology	Daniela Scaglia	CPT Head Office
TROPHY AWARD	Factory Mart Award	Vishnu Naidoo	KwaZulu Natal
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Sales - Out of Home	Bastian Pretorius	Nelspruit
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Sales - CIS	Lindie Koekemoer	CPT Head Office
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Sales - Butcheries	Georg Landsberg	Gauteng South
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Sales - Super Markets & Franchises	BrentiMuller	Capetown
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Sales - Factories	Hennie de Bruin	KwaZulu Natal
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Sales -Telesales	Bonnie Cronje	Port Elizabeth
TROPHY AWARD	Excellence Award Griffith Crown	Maryke Minnaar	Gauteng South

MERIT AWARDS

In recognition of their exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork, we are proud to present this award to this outstanding team.

Award	Recipient	Branch	
MERIT AWARD	Carla van der Westhuizen	Tshwane	
MERIT AWARD	Alizia Miles	Tshwane	
MERIT AWARD	Rufus Mokgolo	Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Daniel Ferreira	Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Nadia Knipe	Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Sithembile Gamede	Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Lisl de Vries	Bloemfontein	
MERIT AWARD	JP Durandt	Equipment Division - Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Keagan Londt	Equipment Division - Capetown	
MERIT AWARD	Madelize Viljoen	Supply Chain - Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Lucky Gwala	KwaZulu Natal	
MERIT AWARD	Vuka Nxele	KwaZulu Natal	
MERIT AWARD	Werner Greyvenstein	Limpopo	
MERIT AWARD	Selomo Ramahuma	Limpopo	
MERIT AWARD	Zander Byleveldt	Limpopo	
MERIT AWARD	Hennie Grobbelaar	CIS - CPT Head Office	
MERIT AWARD	Stuart Lamb	Diversified Markets - CPT Head Office	
MERIT AWARD	Michel Benedito	Finance - Gauteng South	
MERIT AWARD	Celeste Cornelissen	Finance - CPT Head Office	
MERIT AWARD	Gayle Hoffmann	LMI Award - PE	

SPECIAL TEAM MERIT AWARDS

MERIT AWARD	Jean Adams	Marketing - CPT Head Office
MERIT AWARD	Brenton Jordaan	Marketing - CPT Head Office
MERIT AWARD	Siphenathi Maki	Marketing - CPT Head Office
MERIT AWARD	Eric Ngidi	Marketing - CPT Head Office

LONG SERVICE AWARDS 40 YEARS

- DESIREE COLLOP (Heavenly Celebration)



We recently had to say goodbye to our beloved payroll administrator at manufacturing, Desiree Collop, after an 18 month struggle with cancer. Desiree was an exceptionally loyal member of the Crown family, having started at the company on 01 May 1984 – a whole 40 years ago

LONG SERVICE AWARDS 35 YEARS

- Mervyn Samuels





- Lionel Geduld

LONG SERVICE AWARDS 30 YEARS

- Herman Pheiffer



- Nomoko Lepile



- Rufus Mokgolo
- George Khubeka

LONG SERVICE AWARDS 30 YEARS

- Joseph Augustus





25 YEARS
- Charles Van Schalkwyk



Special long service award - Tarryn Bentley-Cross (awarded to the squad team for organizing crown conference for the past 10 years)

STRONGER TOGETHER

JOHN MORRIS ADDRESS

I have the honor and privilege of being able to address you this evening and celebrate our last season's successes. And what a record-breaking season it has been.

After every conference, I wonder to myself what the next one will be and how do we 'top the last'? But tonight, and after the last two days, I can honestly say that this has been one of the best. And a conference to remember.

From the welcoming letter, to the Robin Banks Mind Blowing experience, to the launch of Six Gun Grill Hot and the amazing ideas that generated from our group sessions, the attention to detail has been outstanding. Peter, Conrad, Natasja and Andrew you certainly achieved outstanding results and you have certainly laid a foundation for further success this year.

Your efforts reflect the true meaning of 'Stronger Together'.
Tonight, as we celebrate the success of this last year we can reflect on our path to victory. Thank you to each and everyone of you for the record results without you none of this would have been possible.







STRONGER TOGETHER SPORT DAY

Where everything was left on the field!



