

MEDIA RELEASE

OLD MUTUAL GETS GREENER...

WITH SA'S LARGEST 5-STAR GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION AND LARGEST CORPORATE SOLAR INSTALLATION

- *Mutualpark the largest office building in South Africa to achieve 5-star certification from the Green Building Council South Africa*
- *1 MWp installation to alleviate pressure on City of Cape Town electricity grid with monthly saving of 8% of Mutualpark consumption*

Cape Town, 05 December 2016: Old Mutual today celebrated the **5-star Green Star SA Existing Building Performance rating awarded to its Mutualpark** offices in Pinelands, Cape Town.

This rating by the Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA) makes it the largest existing building to achieve this level of environmental excellence in the Southern Hemisphere.

Marking another milestone on its green journey, Old Mutual today also unveiled its **innovative Mutualpark solar installation, which is the largest corporate solar carport in South Africa**. It consists of 3 600 solar panels over about 14 500m².

With output just over 1MWp (Mega Watt Peak) and covering 565 carports, the solar photovoltaic system will produce enough electricity to slash up to 8% of Mutualpark's consumption. This equates to one free month of Mutualpark's electricity per year or about R4.5 million per year.

OLD MUTUAL'S COMMITMENT TO MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE...

Speaking at the handover of the Green Star SA certification and the official opening of the Mutualpark solar project today, Rose Keanly, Chief Operating Officer of Old Mutual Emerging Markets, said that the certification and solar installation underscore Old Mutual's commitment to making a positive impact on broader socio-economic and environmental issues in the country.

It proves that big corporates are able to make a meaningful difference by being resourceful and thinking creatively to find solutions for the challenges of our time.

“Given rising electricity tariffs and the current constraints on South Africa's electricity supply, energy efficiency is critical to economic growth and stability. Responsible environmental management is one of the five pillars that define our responsible business approach.

“As Mutualpark is home to about 7 000 employees, the building is one of the largest consumers of electricity in the Western Cape and this project now enables us to free up a significant amount of electricity on the City of Cape Town grid.”

Brian Wilkinson, CEO of the GBCSA, says that Mutualpark represents what a true green building should aspire to be – energy efficient, resource efficient and environmentally responsible.

“A 5-star Green Star SA performance certification in a complex of this size is truly remarkable. What is even more remarkable is that some of the buildings at Mutualpark date back to 1954, debunking the myth that green building performance is only possible in new buildings. This is, by far, the largest green building in South Africa and it is fitting that Old Mutual, who we all know as ‘the big green’, has demonstrated its leadership by achieving this certification.”

OLD MUTUAL JOINING THE LEAGUE OF ‘PLANET SHAPERS’ ...

The GBCSA's Green Star SA certification system regards five stars as “South African Excellence” and for Old Mutual to demonstrate its commitment to environmental responsibility in such a significant way shows true leadership, he says. “Old Mutual now joins the league of what we like to call Planet Shapers: demonstrating to all stakeholders that operating premises in an environmentally responsible way is both achievable and makes business sense – doing well by doing good,” says Wilkinson.

In addition to its Green Star SA rating achievement, Mutualpark was also commended by the **City of Cape Town at the recent 2016 Energy Efficiency Forum Awards** for its efforts to reduce energy consumption.

Keanly says Old Mutual will continue to monitor, manage and reduce its direct and indirect environmental impact. "This is in line with our Group Climate Change Strategy, which aims to improve the completeness and accuracy of our emissions data."

She adds that in Johannesburg construction is on track to complete Old Mutual's new 12 storey 30 000m² head office in Sandton by end 2017. The new building will also target a 5-star Green Star SA rating from the GBCSA for office design.

Keanly concludes that Old Mutual will continue to seek ways to become progressively more resource efficient while supporting a healthier local environment for people to live and work in.

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OTHER MILESTONES: OLD MUTUAL'S RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Old Mutual Investment Group has invested **R14 billion in renewable energy** on behalf of our clients.
- Old Mutual Investment Group won the **Sustainability category at the National Business Awards** for demonstrating 'a strong adhesion to Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) policies' and for showing 'active involvement in promoting ESG policies and, by doing so, setting an example for other corporations in South Africa to follow'.
- Old Mutual Investment Group is a key participant in the **Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP)** via Old Mutual Alternative Investments, African Infrastructure Investment Managers, Futuregrowth Asset Management and Old Mutual Specialised Finance.

- Earlier in 2016, our Old Mutual Investment Group launched **the first MSCI Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) equity index fund** in South Africa, called the Old Mutual Responsible Investment Equity Index Fund.
 - *The Fund, which applies the MSCI ESG Research methodology to its index construction, invests in the FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted All Share Index (SWIX) with best in class ESG credentials.*
 - *This innovation provides institutional investors access to an index that integrates ESG considerations into their SA equity exposure.*
- The **Old Mutual Wild Series of endurance sporting events raised funds for conservation projects** at a variety of breathtaking locations all over South Africa. The series includes the Three Cranes Challenge, the iMfolozi MTB Challenge, the Mont-Aux-Sources Challenge and the Golden Gate Challenge.
- The **Old Mutual Ubuntu Earth Festival, in partnership with Wildlands,** conducted a search for talented performers in 40 KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and North West schools to highlight **relevant environmental issues through the art of performance**. Participating learners could convey their message through song, poetry or rap.