

# LexisNexis South Africa takes top honours at National Business Awards

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LexisNexis Legal & Professional, a leading global provider of information and analytics, saw its LexisNexis South Africa operation announced as winner of the prestigious **Innovation through Technology** award at the 15th annual **National Business Awards**, held on 16 November at Emperors Palace. The company was up against impressive contenders including runners-up AECOM, Sentech and Dell Computers.

This achievement at the renowned Oscars of South African business resulted from the unanimous verdict of the awards' judges, [a collective of industry heavyweights](#). LexisNexis was accorded the award before a host of business and government leaders, VIPs and media representatives. Also watching, via live social media updates, were thousands of South Africans whose engagement kept the awards trending for several hours.

Commenting on the win, LexisNexis South Africa CEO Billy Last said, "We were extremely proud to come away with the trophy, especially given the calibre of the organisations we were up against. I would like to thank the judges for recognising our innovative solutions and hard work, which has led to encouraging growth over the last few years."



Innovation is one of LexisNexis' five core values globally, according to Last. "We are constantly looking for new ideas and value 'out-of-the-box' thinking regarding product development, process design, service delivery and system design," he added. "Our innovations have greatly benefitted those tasked with upholding the rule of law in dynamic technological, regulatory and socio-economic environments. Through strong emphasis on innovation within our organisation we have realised significant benefit from this approach."



Greg Brown (right), Divisional Director of LexisNexis Data Services, receiving the award from Phumelele Motsoahae.

This year's 15th anniversary awards marked a decade and a half of showcasing the achievements of both companies and individuals (CEOs, entrepreneurs) at the forefront of South Africa's economy in tandem with prestige publication [Top](#)

[Performing Companies](#). While creator and host Top Media and Communication's use of integrated digital data analysis tools has grown exponentially since the first National Business Awards, in terms of qualifying and ranking award contenders, it is still professional, human interpretation of quantitative and qualitative data - by both Top Media's Research division and the awards' judges' panel - which ultimately confirms the outcomes.

Respected speakers at this year's awards included Norman Mbazima, Deputy Chairman of Top 500 Company of 2017 Anglo American SA; Professor Emeritus Brian Kantor, economy stalwart, thought leader and author of *Get South Africa Growing*, and group co-CEO of The Creative Counsel Ran Neu-Ner - himself the winner of the Top Performing Business Leader trophy at last year's ceremony.

Top Media CEO Ralf Fletcher, who gave the evening's Welcome Address, commended the achievement of the night's finalists and winners, saying, "In my 20 years of immersion in the science of business performance recognition, I have seldom seen such a powerhouse collective of innovators, job creators and drivers of the economy, all together on the same roster. Tonight has only deepened my belief in the global competitiveness and drive in evidence across our economy's primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. I can't wait to see what this year's National Business Awards champions will do next."

For more information on LexisNexis South Africa's accolade and its dynamic solutions, visit [www.lexisnexis.co.za](http://www.lexisnexis.co.za).

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