

THE PG GROUP SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

CITATION

NEW MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITIES

AT SOMKHELE VILLAGE FOR
THE AFRICA CENTRE

EAST COAST ARCHITECTS

The project serves an example of how designers apply their minds across the range of technologies and resolves each appropriately and inventively.

The image of the building is rural vernacular but it houses state-of the art technologies that support and drive the research initiatives of the international donor funders. Through inventive tectonics the skills known to the local population have been harnessed and honed to both support the making and ownership of the project. The designers have too been mindful of the value of limited resources and all are addressed and integrated into the resolution of the design. The project has received coverage in the international press, thus helping raise the profile of the local profession.

The project is regarded as exemplary of the talents of the architectural professionals being brought to a rural project that must serve a wide variety of skills. It has also been widely published in the international press thereby show-casing the local profession in the global forum. The project receives an Award for Excellence.

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