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THREE CITIES GATEWAY HOTEL 1ST IN THE GROUP TO ACHIEVE GREEN LEAF™ ECO STANDARD CERTIFICATION

The Three Cities Gateway Hotel in Umhlanga, KwaZulu Natal, the flagship of the Three Cities environmental programme, has come a long way since the project began in 2012. This newly built hotel includes the latest efficient technologies implemented to reduce the environmental impacts of the hotel. It is complimented by the staff who have taken responsibility for the holistic energy management of the building, that has subsequently lead the hotel to achieve the Green Leaf™ Eco Standard Certification.

This has been achieved through educating each department employees about their environmental impact by looking at how they are able to reduce their impacts through low cost actions and to be the driving force of the environmental programmes.

The Green Leaf™ Eco Standard is a global standard for measuring, managing and verifying sustainable business performance in an impartial manner. The Standard draws on the philosophy and 50-year track record in environmental leadership of its co-founder, the Wilderness Foundation.

The Standard is designed to meet and exceed compliance with South African and international Codes of Good Practice and integrated reporting. The standard is a blueprint for achieving a sustainable, profitable future that is “impact-neutral”.

The Hotel, through their partnership with GLSSS, an accredited global verification agency of the Green Leaf™ Eco Standard, has reduced their energy and water consumption per guest by 12% and 26% respectively since joining the programme in 2012, which has exceeded the targets they had set out.

This has been achieved through the advanced building management system and design of the hotel, featuring low flow water fixtures, sensor-controlled taps and lighting in public areas, green building materials and shading that reduce energy consumption, modern low consumption lighting such as LED and advanced computerised building management system. The Hotel also controls their waste in a responsible manner through recycling, thus reducing the amount of waste entering landfill.

Three Cities Group have from the start recognised the importance of behaviour when it comes to reducing its impact on the environment. For this reason through best practice guidelines supplied by GLSSS, all staff are trained to work in an eco-conscious manner.

For more on the Green Leaf™ Eco Standard go to www.greenleafecostandard.net

For more on the Three Cities Gateway Hotel go to www.threecities.co.za

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THE THREE CITIES GROUP

Three Cities Management was formed in 1988 as a hospitality group offering specialised services in the tourism industry.

Today The Three Cities Group manages and markets over 32 quality tourism and leisure properties and has a strong network of sales and marketing specialists working out of Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, United Kingdom and Germany.

Its distinctively unique portfolio of properties includes Exceptional Hotels and Exceptional Safari Lodges as well as three campuses of The International Hotel School (IHS). The Three Cities Group was also instrumental in the conceptualization and management for 10 years of the largest Marine Theme Park in Africa – uShaka Marine World in Durban.

Its unique portfolio of properties offers a diverse range of Africa's finest hotels, resorts and game lodges situated in the major tourist and business centres of Africa.