

JOHANNESBURG EXPO CENTRE

That's a wrap

After a successful year of exhibitions, conferences and events, the team at the Johannesburg Expo Centre (JEC) would like to thank all the 2016 show organisers for choosing JEC as their host venue.

"We've had a busy year here at the Expo Centre," reflects JEC chief executive officer, **Craig Newman**. "We have been very lucky with the calibre of shows we've hosted in 2016, but I think that next year will be a difficult one for the industry in general."

Mr Newman believes the investment in exhibitions and events will shrink with regards to participation.

"An exhibition that would have attracted 100 exhibitors in the past may now only secure 60 and an event that would have had 10 000 attendees may now only attract 8 000," he says.

"As a result, we will all have to raise the bar next year so we can continue to grow in tight economic conditions."

With this in mind, the team at the Expo Centre are taking a moment to thank all their show organisers for their support. "There are a number of organisers and events that we would like to thank for choosing us as their host in 2016," Mr Newman said. "Whether

large or small, each event has contributed to a successful year and we appreciate your support. Thank you very much."

To all our customers:

Classic Cars, Major League Garden, Jehovah's Witness Convention, Fun and Biz Africa Expo, Johannesburg Boat Show, National Taxi Expo, Jaguar Launch, Gap Factor - Shield Trade Day, SAACI Breakfast, Propak Africa, Bidvest Display, Global Exhibition Day, Cardinal Family Fun Day, SOJO AGM, PMR.africa Awards Breakfast, Essential Hardware, Carol Xaba, Visual Energy for Roche Family Day, University of Johannesburg, Star Schools, SAPS Career Day, Unity Fellowship, Soweto Festival, Engen, and Multichoice YEF, to mention a few.

"Thank you for working with us, for trusting us with your events and we wish you all the best for the new year. We look forward to hosting your events in 2017," Mr Newman concluded. ■



RAND SHOW

"There is no venue more suitable to host this iconic event than the Expo Centre."
- Pula Dippenaar, South African Shows Messe Frankfurt (Pty) Ltd.

GAUTENG YOUTH PROGRAMME

"The Expo Centre is a one-stop shop for every event. The support staff were not only professional, but they were more than prepared to go the extra mile." - Samantha Ngindi, director of ICT Sector Skills and Partnerships from the Gauteng Department of e-Government



ULTRA SOUTH AFRICA

"The inaugural show was a great success and each year since then, we've raised the bar. We plan to grow the event in South Africa for many years to come so that Ultra South Africa becomes a destination festival that music fans should experience at least once. As Ultra expands to other parts of the globe, there may not be a more appropriate location in South Africa than the JEC." - *Russell Faibisch, founder; producer and chief executive officer of Ultra Music Festival and Ultra Worldwide*



SEXPO

"This was the 10th anniversary of the show so we were determined to make it the biggest yet and the Expo Centre was the perfect venue to deliver a memorable performance. There's ample parking, easy access to and from the venue and large exhibition halls that satisfy every possible show requirement." - *Sean Newman, chief executive officer of Sexpo SA*

POLYOAK PACKAGING

"In 2016, we presented the Expo Centre with an award for 10 Years of Service Excellence. Polyoak Packaging, a one-stop shop for all packaging requirements, is the Expo Centre's biggest warehousing client. The award was presented to the Expo Centre team at our annual awards function in recognition of their dedication to their customers, and for their loyalty and excellent service to Polyoak." - *Polyoak Packaging Group*

INTERBUILD AFRICA

"The service we received from the Expo Centre was excellent and the precinct was well kept, tidy and conducive to a fantastic event. We were also very happy with the quality of food served, and the cleanliness of the ablution facilities, not to mention the special touch of sending us a memento to wish us luck. Thank you Expo Centre!" - *Gary Corin, managing director of Specialised Exhibitions Montgomery*



ELECTRA MINING AFRICA

"We participate in a number of international mining exhibitions worldwide and have been supporting the Electra Mining brand for a number of years. The venue has always been remarkable from an accessibility point of view, considering the size of the equipment we bring in." - *Cindy Bailing, marketing services representative of Joy Global*