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Necsa's subsidiary NTP Radioisotopes (Pty) Ltd (NTP) has walked away with the Department of Science and Technology award for excellence in the management of innovation, hosted by Da Vinci Technology Top100 (TT100) at Vodaworld on 28 April 2010. It was a proud moment for Necsa CEO Dr Rob Adam to receive the award at the glitzy ceremony, which hosted dignitaries from various industries, including the Minister of Science and Technology, Naledi Pandor.

According to information obtained from TT100, this accolade for innovation, measures the innovative capacity of an organization and considers a spectrum of both quantitative and qualitative metrics. The adjudication process covers areas relating to product, process product, process product, process and organizational development. It additionally takes into account the percentage of revenue generated from products which are less than 3 years old, the return on investment, innovation linked to knowledge management and how the organization manages the dissemination of information. Winning organizations are concerned with integration and leveraging their effectiveness through strategic alliances, joint ventures, outsourcing and partnerships.

NTP, is currently the worlds' largest supplier of isotopes and demonstrates one of its notable ability to produce Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) at its Pelindaba site, deservedly earned this accolade of innovation not only because they are in the business of producing nuclear isotopes to save lives, but also due to their sterling performance against the three core criteria mentioned above.

Technology Top 100 (TT100) is a national programme that was initiated in 1990. The TT100 foundation enjoys strong support from both government and the private sector. Mandated by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the programme aims to celebrate South Africa's role-models in science and technology innovation. Supplying isotopes to 150 countries worldwide,

NTP has placed South Africa on the global map and are continuously striving to be more innovative.

The TT100 appraisal considers 3 vital elements that organizations must obtain to achieve their goals and these are:

- Alignment (linking Technology and People) – ensuring that all the elements of the operations are aligned to meeting its strategic objectives;
- Engagement (linking Innovation and People) – ensuring that the organisation has processes in place to gain total “buy-in” from all employees. In this context the notion of Connectedness, Contribution and Credibility are paramount; and
- Agility (linking Technology and Innovation) – ensuring that the organisation is able to meet the challenges of growing competition through the use of new tools.

Since its inception 19 years ago, TT100 has expanded to be the most effective means of judging companies towards gaining a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the respective nominees. Winning the DST award for excellence in the management of innovation did not come easy for NTP considering the competitors it was up against, ‘the most difficult task was, waiting with bated breath for the announcement!’ said Adam.

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