

# Eco-Insulation undertakes prestigious project on the Cape wine route

*Catharina's Restaurant refurb – at Steenberg Hotel & Spa.*

Recently awarded the Southern African Energy Efficiency Association's Company of the Year Excellence Award 2008, innovative thermal insulation marketer Eco-Insulation was asked to undertake a prestigious installation contract in the Constantia wine route region. Catharina's Restaurant at the Steenberg Hotel & Spa occupies an historical site, as a National Monument dating back to 1682. The restaurant is named after Catharina, the Widow Ras, who was the first Lady of the Estate. She was granted the property by the Dutch Governor Simon van der Stel in 1688. Today the Estate houses a successful South African-owned five star boutique hotel. The restaurant has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment, providing seating for 90 patrons. The design was by Wynand Wilsenach Architects of Cape Town.

It is therefore very significant that Eco-Insulation, a recycled newsprint-based cellulose fibre thermal and acoustic insulation was selected for installation above the ceiling of the restaurant extension. The architecture of the refurbishment was Eco-Insulation is an environmentally-conscious choice for the specifier and contractor. Made from 100% recycled newsprint, considerable effort was invested in ensuring that it carries all the required SABS approvals, Fire-Ratings and quality systems to make it a

serious choice for sensitive refurbishments – or retrofitting projects – such as Catharina's at Steenberg.

The founder of Eco-Insulation, Cecil Homan, who accepted the SAEF Award on behalf of the company, comments "The installation of Eco-Insulation at the TIASA-recommended thickness above the ceiling can benefit the inhabitants of the building by up to a 10°C lower indoor temperature during summer, depending on operating conditions. We call this our Natural Climate Comfort."

Eco-Insulation is particularly easy to install, since there are a number of user-friendly franchises on call in the major centres. "All it requires is a telephone call," says Cecil, "Our installers are all professionals in the field and offer a turnkey service. This is an extremely safe and highly cost-effective product." Eco-Insulation installers utilise a specially designed roof pumping unit that delivers product *in-situ* in record time.

Architects, designers and other built environment professionals who want further information about the performance and sustainability benefits of using Eco-Insulation should consult the specifying databases, Specifile, Autospec, or visit the website [www.eco-insulation.co.za](http://www.eco-insulation.co.za).



*Environmentally-conscious insulation products were the natural choice for the renovation of an historically-sensitive project such as Catharina's*



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