

Topco Media announces the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards

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Metropolitan has partnered with Topco Media, aligning itself with the Oliver Empowerment Awards to be held at the Sandton Convention Centre on 19 March 2009. The Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards celebrates companies and individuals who support the future of empowerment in South Africa today. Metropolitan's involvement embodies this leading financial group's motto "Together We Can".



Nkosinathi Chonco, Group Executive, Metropolitan commented on the partnership, which complements Metropolitan's commitment to BBBEE: "Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment is one of our key business drivers and entrenched in our organisation's value system. We view this process as creating an environment for sustainable business and social economic growth; which is an imperative for a transforming society. Our partnership with Topco Media in hosting the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards allows us the

opportunity to recognise companies and individuals who are committed to the philosophies of empowerment in business in South Africa today."

Topco Media Publisher Richard Fletcher said he was "delighted with this cementing of a long-term relationship between ourselves and Metropolitan. Now, more than ever, the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards represent the leading empowerment showcase in South Africa."

The Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards is run in association with Impumelelo, Topco Media's publication documenting BEE success stories. Individual award sponsors include AL Indigo, Bank Seta, BMC Software, DBSA (Development Bank of Southern Africa), FNB (First National Bank) and the Telkom Foundation.

For more information on the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards, table bookings and an online nomination form, visit <u>www.topco.co.za/events</u> or email the Events Manager at . Nominations close on 16 February 2009.

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