

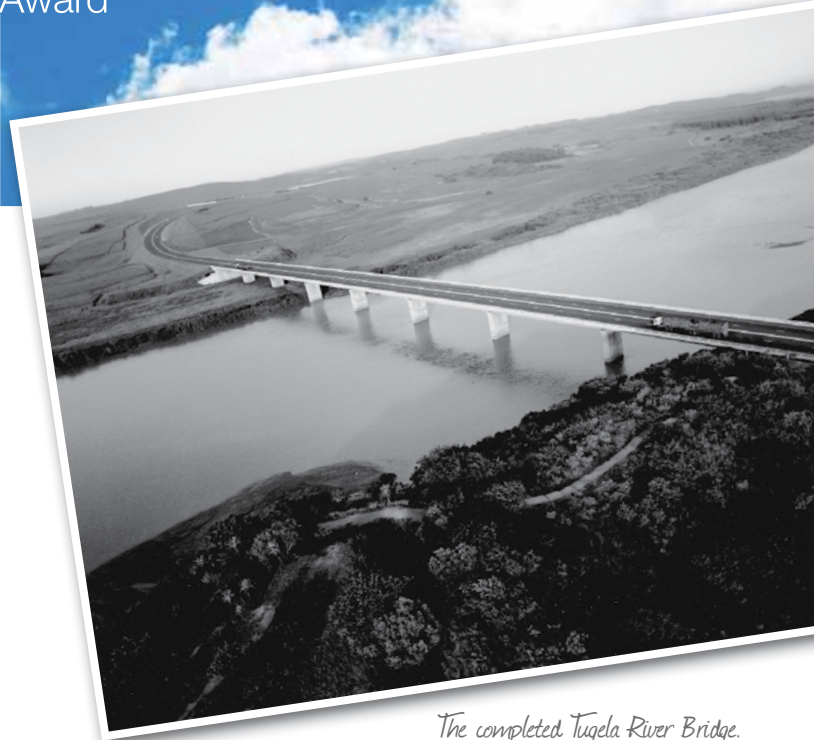
A trip down memory lane

Excellence in Execution - our first Fulton Award

Stefanutti Stocks has a well-earned reputation in the industry as a company that considers the build-ability and design of the structures that it tenders on. The Tugela River Bridge project, in the early nineties(1993), was perhaps the first large project, for which the company (then known as Stefanutti & Bressan) prepared an alternative design, which was submitted with its tender.

The bridge was originally designed as a four-lane divided carriageway with two separate 11.4m- wide bridge decks. Stefanutti & Bressan (S&B) submitted a tender with an alternative single structure design, and the contract was awarded based on this design.

The Tugela River Bridge construction went on to win the prestigious Fulton Award for Excellence in the Use of Concrete in 1994. At that point in time this structure was the largest incrementally launched concrete box structure in the southern hemisphere. Its deck is 452m long, 20.75m wide and 4m deep. Its spans comprise of one of 23m, one of 49.5m, six of 56.25m and one of 42m. Its final launch mass totalled 165 000 ton.



The completed Tugela River Bridge.

Clive Reucassel, who recently celebrated his thirtieth year with the company, was the contracts manager for the Tugela Bridge project. He had been recruited as a site agent by Gino Stefanutti and joined shortly before the 1987 floods, a time when S&B was rebuilding much

of the flood-damaged infrastructure, including the reconstruction of the Umdloti River Bridge.

In 1989 Clive was promoted to contracts manager and pioneered the company's move into Swaziland, while constructing the Palace for the King of Swaziland. His next major project after the Palace, was River Bridge construction. "There have been many s in my career prior to, and since the Tugela Bridge contract," he says, "but as the first award-winning project for the company and I, it will always occupy a special place in my project portfolio."

Over the last three decades Clive has been involved with numerous bridge, marine and heavy industrial projects for large corporates and multi-national companies. He has led multiple Stefanutti Stocks Coastal joint ventures, as well as numerous incrementally launched bridge projects for the KZN-based division. These include two bridge decks for the Khangela Bridge; the King Shaka International Airport interchange structures which included the iconic incrementally launched bridge over the N2 freeway; and the challenging Brakspruit Bridge in Hoedspruit · Transnet that won the prestigious "Transnet Capital ojects – Project of the Year in 2011".

"Receiving industry awards for our projects is confirmation of our ability to deliver technically llenging projects to the highest quality," says Clive. like to think the quality of all of our finished projects worthy of awards, as we always endeavour to deliver J-class standards."

His team has recently completed the construction of the Lower Thukela Water Treatment Works at Mandini, which is currently one of the largest water and waste water treatment plants under construction for Umgeni Water.



Pictured at Clive's 30-year long-service celebration are, from left to right: Custodio Calaba, Prem Naidu, Clive Reucassel, John Jackson, Sunny Singh and Derek Salzmann.