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## AX HOLDINGS' COMPANIES RECEIVE TOP QUALITY AWARDS

Two very different companies forming part of the AX Holdings group have just received official recognition for their dedication to quality. The companies are General Precast Concrete Ltd and The Suncrest Hotel. The prestigious awards they received were directly connected with the group's general policy of achieving quality results in all areas of operation.

General Precast Concrete Ltd. gained international recognition for their quality production by achieving registration to ISO 9001,

the worldwide acknowledged standard for quality management systems. GPC is the first company in the Maltese construction sector to acquire this distinction.

The Suncrest Hotel was awarded the Employment and Training Corporation's "Quality in People Award" for the practical terms of their commitment to quality in the management of their human resources. The award itself is a specially designed sculpture by Vincent Apap OBE. Both The Suncrest Hotel and General Precast

Concrete Ltd are now also entitled to use their award's logo on marketing and publicity materials for as long as their award winning standards are maintained.

Furthermore, the managements and staff of both companies should not only be warmly congratulated for their efforts but their example should be emulated by other companies within the group so that in the years to come, AX Holdings will strengthen its image of being a quality oriented organisation.

### GREETINGS

Welcome to the first issue of **The AX Press**, our new newspaper for all members of the staff of AX Holdings. It is to be hoped that this newspaper will act as a bridge between management and staff so that it will create a closer bond and feeling of what your company stands for and what we are trying to achieve as a group. We hope that this newspaper will help consolidate our position as business leaders in the various fields of operation that AX Holdings is involved in.

This first issue also gives me the opportunity to extend my personal greetings to you and your family for a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

May we, with the grace of God, reflect in our work and aspirations the unity and dedication of the Holy Family.

**Angelo Xuereb**  
Chairman

## G.P.C. ACHIEVES HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

General Precast Concrete Ltd, have officially received their international recognition certificate indicating registration to ISO 9001 during a formal presentation at The Suncrest Hotel, Qawra.

G.P.C. Ltd feel proud to be setting the standard locally by becoming the first and only company in the Maltese construction sector to receive this prestigious award.

G.P.C.'s scope of registration covers the whole gamut of services, from the design, manufacture, supply and delivery right up to installation of precast concrete elements and prestressed concrete drycast hollow cored units.

The prestigious ISO 9001 certificate was presented to general manager Mr. David V. Camilleri in the presence of the Minister for Economic Services, Prof. Josef Bonnici, by Mr. Andrew Sangster, International and Technical Services Manager of S.G.S. Yarsley International



• Mr. David V. Camilleri, left, general manager of General Precast Concrete Ltd, proudly receives the official ISO 9001 certificate from Mr. Andrew Sangster, SGS Yarsley International ICS, with Mr. Angelo Xuereb, chairman, looking on.

Certification Services who had earlier assessed G.P.C.'s operation on various occasions. Also present were Mr. Angelo Xuereb, chairman of AX Holdings as well as Mr. Mark Papagiorcopulo, G.P.C.'s Operations and Quality Assurance Manager.

With the local market opening up

to overseas competition when Malta joins the European Union, it is believed that ISO 9001 certification will place G.P.C. Ltd on a par with other European construction companies, which means that General Precast Concrete Ltd can comfortably tender for, and win, prestigious jobs both locally and overseas.

## SUNCREST RECEIVE "QUALITY IN PEOPLE" AWARD



• Mr. Albert Muscat-Inglott, General Manager of The Suncrest Hotel (left) congratulates Mr. Gaetano Cristina, Personnel Manager who was responsible for preparing the Hotel's presentation for the "Quality In People" Award.

The Suncrest Hotel was one of the first winners of the "Quality In People Award". The Award, initiated by the Employment and Training Corporation, is a means of promoting a quality approach to the management of people.

The Award reflects the Corporation's belief that encouraging employers to adopt appropriate human resources management practices will help to create a climate of employment stability and have a positive effect on the functioning of the local labour market.

The "Quality in People" concept is based on the principle that people are the key to meeting the goals of

an organisation. By developing the quality of the employees' contribution, by creating an environment where they can perform effectively and by valuing each individual's input, an organisation will optimise its potential for business success. Within such an environment employees are expected to achieve higher levels of job satisfaction.

Mr. Albert Muscat-Inglott, The Suncrest Hotel's General Manager, received the Award on behalf of his organisation and thanked our Chairman, Mr. Angelo Xuereb, for his constant support and approval of all the Staff Welfare and Personnel Development policies created by our organisation. Mr.

### TISLIJET

Naghtikom merhba ghall-ewwel edizzjoni tal-gurnal gdid **The AX Press** ghall-impjegati kollha ta' AX Holdings. Nittama li din l-inizzjattiva tkompli tkattar l-għaqda bejn il-management u l-istaff tal-kumpaniji kollha tagħna. Jiena ċert li biha tistgħu ssahhu l-identita' tal-kumpanija tagħkom bhala membri importanti tal-grupp.

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**Angelo Xuereb**  
Chairman

Muscat-Inglott emphasized the fact that behind the achievement of winning this very prestigious Award there was a team which strove hard to keep the relationship between Employer and Employees very healthy, thus obtaining a very high standard in Quality In People. Mr. Muscat-Inglott also took this opportunity to thank the Personnel Department's staff including Mr. Gaetano Cristina, Ms. Rosetta Thornhill, Joanna Bartolo and Maria Shawish for all the work involved in preparing the formal presentation, by means of which they won this Award.