

‘Most influential woman’

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PALABORA Mining Company’s (PMC)’s chief financial officer in Phalaborwa, Dikeledi Nakene, has scooped the 2017 continental Africa’s most influential women in business and government award at a ceremony in Johannesburg.

Nakene was selected from among 54 contestants from the African continent who had already won national and regional awards from their respective countries and regions.

She said she was humbled to have won the award which was not only a recognition of her abilities but of all women in the continent and South Africa in particular.

“I did not make the journey here alone. There are numerous people who have supported me along the way.

“These include my family and many colleagues.

“But above all, it is through the mercy of God that I am here. I am grateful to receive the award especially knowing that all the contestants are equally deserving. I wish to use the award to motivate other women and young girls that they too can achieve anything they put their minds on,” she said.

A chartered accountant and certified internal auditor, Nakene boasts various academic qualifications including a B Com accounting from the University of Limpopo, B Com honours from Unisa and a diploma in taxation from the University of Witwatersrand. She also serves as an ex-officio member of PMC.

Africa’s most influential women in business and government award programme is a 12-month programme wherein judges monitor contestants and engage with them throughout the year on different topics.

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WINNER: PMC’s CFO Dikeledi Nakene won the continental award.