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I would like to thank NACA, the Committee, Branches and everyone else involved for the great honour of the NACA Gold Award 2016 being bestowed on myself. Unfortunately I was not in a position to personally take receipt of the award at the Conference as my wife June and I were roaming around Hogsback in the Eastern Cape at the time. Thanks to Sally Benson, a long time colleague of mine, for doing the honours of receiving the award on my behalf.

On the 21 October 2016 June and myself were invited by Dr. Joy Leaner, Western Cape Air Quality, to a meeting in Cape Town to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Western Cape Air Quality Officers Forum. At this meeting the Western Cape Government handed out several Certificates to individuals, District and Local Municipality members who were part of the inaugural meeting in 2006. I was honoured with a Certificate as the First Deputy Director: Air Quality Management in the Western Cape.

Then to my surprise, at the end of the meeting I was called forward to a standing ovation by all my former colleagues, to take receipt of the NACA Gold Award. This to me was a very, very



Hans Linde receiving his award. Fromt left, Mr Piet van Zyl; HOD: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning; Hans Linde; June Linde; Dr Joy Leaner; Director Air Quality Management; and Mr Gottlied Arendse: Chief Director: Environmental Quality

special occasion. Thanks to NACA for the Award and to Joy and my former colleagues for the way in which it was presented to me in the presence of my wife.

