



Green Star SA Launched!

At the first annual GBCSA Convention & Exhibition in November, the GBCSA was proud to officially launch our **first green building rating tool** for full usage. **Green Star SA – Office v1** is now available in complete form and can be downloaded from the GBCSA website. The accompanying **Technical Manual** (providing extensive background as well as technical and documentation requirements) is available for purchase through the GBCSA website, or alternatively is included as part of the Green Star SA Accredited Professional course.

In mid-December the GBCSA opened for formal **project registrations** under Green Star SA – Office v1, and any project wishing to **register** may do so **online** through the GBCSA website. Registered projects may now also submit for certification.

The **Green Star SA Accredited Professional courses** have received tremendous interest, and **additional courses** will be offered in **Johannesburg, Durban** and **Cape Town** every couple of months, with more cities being added throughout the year, dependent on the availability of trainers. See additional information concerning dates in this newsletter.

We are preparing for an exciting, busy 2009 and are currently finalising which **additional rating tools** will be developed this year. The determination of the order in which new tools will be developed will depend upon market demand demonstrated by **available tool sponsorship funding**. Please see the separate call for sponsorship in this newsletter for more information.