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GeoTechVision's Presence at the 6th NCB Nation Builder Awards Banquet

Set in an exquisite ambiance, the 6th [NCB Nation Builders Awards](#) Gala was by definition simply elegant. Infused with a palatable menu and stirring entertainment, this NCB-led initiative highlights and celebrates outstanding entrepreneurial performance and the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) contribution to community development.

The program opened with a rendition of the National anthem by saxophonist Verlando Small, 2013 Digicel Rising Stars winner, followed by the expressions of previous awardees at the 5th Nation Builder Awards, presented in a video projection to the audience. The video presentations featured the respective Managing Directors of Canco Limited., Jamaica Standard Products Limited, Jakes Holding Limited, Little Ochi Seafood & Bar Ltd and Boss Furnishings - each outlining the scale of their company's operations and highlighted the business goals they have been able to achieve by virtue of the Nation Builder Awards.

[Mr. Patrick Hylton, Group Managing Director](#) for [National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited](#) (NCB) opened the floor with his warm welcome to the audience and for the Innovative Jamaican Entrepreneurs. In his discourse he expressed that the NCB Nation Builder Awards is geared at honoring businesses that demonstrated best practices, recognize business heroes those who contributed to the development of our country. Mr. Hylton highlighted that Innovation is indeed the vital spark or catalyst for change as illustrated by the fact that Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) pay over 80% of the Jamaica's workforce. He expressed his confidence that they will be the engines that drive economic growth.

An overview of the awards was presented by Mrs. Bernadette Barrow, Assistant General Manager of the Retail Banking Division, NCB. She emphasized that NCB continuously seeks ways to support SME's initiatives. Within her overview the vignettes of the nominees were presented.

The Awards Gala programme consisted of four categories: The Nation Builder Award, the Innovation Award, the Start-Up Award and the Women in Business Award. Awardees from each region were selected for each category as the regional winner and represented their region as the nominee for the final award in the respective categories.

The Nation Builder Award was awarded to Gray's Pepper Products who demonstrated an outstanding entrepreneurial performance as an established business and made a clear and significant contribution to

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community development. The Innovation Award was presented to Man B's Special Museum and Culture Bus for his use of creativity in introducing a new tourism product with a distinctive competitive advantage. Accident and Emergency Medical Services Limited received the Start-Up Award as a business that has been in operation for up to three (3) years, with commendable business performance and strong community impact. The Women in Business Award was presented to an innovative female business owner with a track record of leadership and social responsibility - Valrie Grant, Managing Director of GeoTechVision.



Figure 1: Valrie Grant, Managing Director of GeoTechVision is presented with the National Award for Women in Business by Mrs. Bernadette Barrowm Assistant General Manager of the NCB Retail Banking Division.

The awards programme also extended recognition to three final year Management Studies/Entrepreneurial Studies students - Matthew Ricketts, SashaKay Shaw, and Analee Whyte of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus for the best final year business plan/project by presenting each with the NCB Vision Award.

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Valrie Grant ended the night with a total of 2 awards namely the Second Regional Winner for the Women in Business Award and the National Women in Business Award. Her team at GeoTechVision left with the Second Regional Winner for the Innovation Award.

The evening concluded with final remarks by the Corporate Communications Manager, Ms. Belinda Williams, who reiterated the essence of the event and of the Nation Builders Awards Initiative. She expressed her appreciation on behalf of the National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited for the sponsors of the event and the applicants, who made the event possible. Her final words wished the awardees the best in their endeavors as they continue to make contributions to the Jamaican society.



Figure 2: Valrie Grant and the GeoTechVision team were presented with 3 awards. From Left to right: [Patrick Hylton - Group Managing Director, National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited \(NCB\)](#); Darcy Parkins - Branch Manager, Oxford Place (NCB); Bernadette Barrow - Assistant General Manager, Retail Banking Division (NCB); Lydia Evans (GeoTechVision); Dean-Ray Grant - Technical Support Manager (GeoTechVision); Valrie Grant - Managing Director,

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GeoTechVision; Varon England (GeoTechVision); Miguel Thompson - Business Banker (NCB); [Audrey Tugwell-Henry - Senior General Manager, Retail Banking Division \(NCB\)](#); [Dennis G Cohen - Group Finance and Deputy Group Managing Director \(NCB\)](#).