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Yoland Schoeman en Martin Ackermann het verlede jaar deelgeneem aan die South African Global Cleantech Innovation Program (GCIIP-SA) waar Schoeman die algemene wenner was met haar watersuiveringsontwerp en Ackermann in die tweede plek met 'n eko-vriendelike teël.

In Februarie vanjaar was hulle by die Cleantech Week in San Francisco om dié ontwerpe bekend te stel. Hier is Schoeman as een van twee naasweners aangevys soos die wenner in die afdeling vir kleinondernemings en Ackermann het eerste gekom in die groenbou-kategorie.

Schoeman se projek is 'n vierkantige in 'n boks: aWetbox. Met hierdie boks kan jy water op die natuurlike manier suiver. Die water loop eers deur gruis en sand en daarna deur plantwortels wat die water skoonmaak. Schoeman het eers die GCIIP-SA-program vas vir haar 'n belangrike leerervaring vir haar loopbaan as entrepreneur. "Algemeen van die voornag om aangevys te word as een van die internasionale naasweners, bevestig hierdie erkenning ook dat ekologiese ontwerp nou 'n rolspeler op die internasionale verhoog is."

Schoeman het 'n meestersgraad in omgewingsbestuur wat sy deur die Universiteit van die Vrystaat verwerf het. Sy het haar eerste dam gebou toe sy 14 jaar oud was en haar hoërskool se tuine uitgeroep met plante wat watersaarsaam is.

Ackermann het 'n indaktelike ontwerp wat 100% herwinbaar is. Die teël se naam is Thevia. "Ons teël is ligter en sterker en gemaak van materiaal soos steengroef, afbreekbare plastiek en slyk. Hierdie teël is nie bros nie en dit weeg 75% ligter as 'n gewone sementteël."

Ackermann het gesê: "Die toekennings is die eerste stap om die wêreld te dertig dat alle oke teëls op hierdie manier gemaak moet word. Ons is ongelooflik opgewonde oor die toekoms van ons projek."



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