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MOST RESPECTED ENTITIES IN SRI LANKA

HALL OF FAME (THE TOP 20)		
RANK	ENTITY	SCORE
1 (1)	Juhel Keells	1,321 (1,349)
2 (3)	Commercial Bank	592 (841)
3 (2)	Diallog Axiata	542 (983)
4 (4)	Unilover	535 (781)
5 (15)	Hemas	517 (180)
6 (9)	MAS	459 (411)
7 (-)	Ceylon Gold Stores	421 (-)
8 (10)	Aitken Spence	419 (392)
9 (5)	Hayleys	393 (583)
10 (13)	Brandix	312 (262)
11 (36)	Access	300 (40)
12 (8)	Cargills	269 (440)
13 (6)	HNB	240 (467)
14 (12)	Sampath Bank	237 (287)
15 (7)	HSBC	226 (465)
16 (37)	Distilleries	224 (03)
17 (29)	MUI	212 (60)
18 (-)	NIBM	192 (-)
19 (21)	Singer	186 (105)
20 (23)	LOLC	155 (97)

Sri Lanka's premier business magazine LMD, with its unique corporate honour roll that benchmarks the country's Most Respected Entities, positioned Access with its multi-sector engineering expertise within the Top 20 of its Most Respected Entities. From being in the top 100 Most Respected at 56 last year, Access was placed at 11, a phenomenal jump of 45 places which certainly makes for an iconic corporate positioning. With this, Access gained entry into the LMD Most Respected Entities Hall of Fame (the Top 20), calling the company one of the movers and shakers who climbed up the hill into the honour roll. It is interesting that the survey, commissioned and conceptualised by LMD and conducted by The Nielsen Company, sampled 800 businesspeople within Greater Colombo to represent a mix of the entities operating within Sri Lanka. The systematic random-sampling technique included telephone interviews conducted with business leaders, managers and executives in Colombo within March and April of 2011.

LMD stated in its special Most Respected Entities in Sri Lanka edition, "One of the fastest growing corporate entities in Sri Lanka with its core business and growth coming from trading activities infrastructure projects and engineering services, Access represents prestigious international brands in Sri Lanka and Asia in a wide range of business activities.....In addition to tapping new opportunities in the emerging markets of the north and east of Sri Lanka, Access Engineering says it is assessing potential of sourcing offshore business opportunities as well. The group, which announced it would be listing this year, is involved in water-sector operations in Hambantota and Batticaloa and in rehabilitation projects in the north and east."

As iterated by LMD, the Access Group of Companies is a conglomerate, with one of the largest portfolios of international principals being represented. Under this umbrella, several companies within the Group have become spearheads and pioneers, proactively leading large scale mega development projects geared at improving national infrastructure. Access International, which in two decades since its incorporation has gained an unprecedented reputation of being associated with some of the largest infrastructure development projects funded by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, JBIC-Japan, SIDA-Sweden, DANIDA-Denmark, ECGD-United Kingdom etc.

Access Group Chairman Sumal Perera says, " Access while considering it a great honour and privilege to enter the Top 20 as a first generation business entity, within a short time span of just over 2 decades, this is once again ample proof of the dedication and commitment with which the employees of Access have carried out their duties. We also at the same time realize the responsibility that this type of recognition thrust on us, I have no doubt that as a company we will dedicate ourselves to act in a manner that justifies this recognition."

Working on the ethos of building partnerships (both internal and external) one of the key business units of the Access Group, Access Engineering hopes to go for a stock exchange listing in the Colombo Stock Exchange in the first quarter of the calendar year 2012.

Access Engineering which is a flagship company of the Access Group, remains at the forefront of the civil engineering sector in Sri Lanka with its unmatched expertise in diversified competencies in value engineering that includes turnkey solutions, ranging from design, procurement, construction and commissioning of multi-disciplinary engineering projects across varied sectors. Ranked by ICTAD, Sri Lanka's governing body for the construction industry as a Specialist Contractor with the highest No. of C1 grading gives the company the ability to be involved in all major civil construction disciplines.

"Our achievements thus far would in all probability be more than enough for other companies, but certainly not for us. This is because Access is manned by one of the most dynamic teams in the country, for whom raising the bar is habitual. We will nurture our strengths and improve our competencies, permeating this to strengthen our existing business units, while continuing our

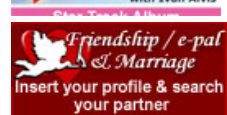
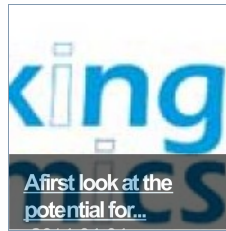
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aggressive growth plan and injecting the industry with innovative value engineered products and services," Perera said.

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