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A large circular graphic dominates the center of the page. It features a grayscale image of a modern building's curved glass facade. Overlaid on this image are two semi-transparent colored rectangles: a blue one on the right side and a green one at the bottom left. The text is overlaid on the white space within the circle.

Edge building Certification Program

Edge – Excellence in Design
for Greater Efficiencies

Environmental responsibility in
building design.

Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies

We are thinkstep:
20 years of experience,
2,500 global customers

Imagine if

- we could build homes that produce their own heat, electricity and consume less energy.
- we could design smart hotels and hospitals that function better by using less water.
- we could make retail and work spaces sustainable by utilizing materials that satisfy not only current needs but those of generations to come.
- this was possible not just in 1 region but at scale, across 125 climate change affected emerging countries.
- we could visually see the cost we save by building green and all it takes was minutes not months.
- environmental responsibility in building design would correlate with smart business.

Imagine if there was **Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies**

About EDGE

An innovation of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, EDGE makes it faster, easier and more affordable than ever before to build and brand green in 125 emerging markets.

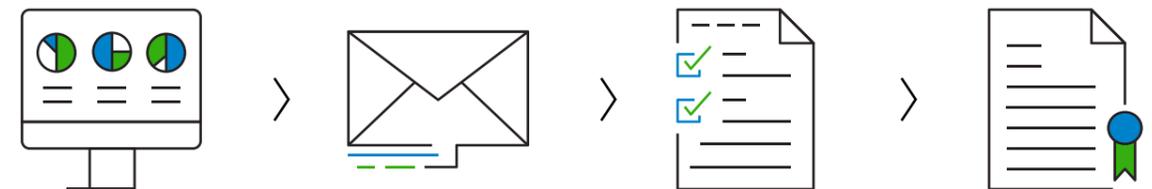
thinkstep and SGS collaborate to set the global benchmark for quality and integrity as providers of independent oversight for professional credentialing and project certification programs, including EDGE.

thinkstep enables organizations worldwide to succeed sustainably. With a global presence in 19 countries, thinkstep serves more than 2,000

companies, including 40 percent of the Fortune 500. thinkstep's industry-leading software, data and services include unparalleled expertise in the development and operation of green building standards and the quantification of green construction.

At the forefront of inspection, verification, testing and certification company, **SGS** is recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 80,000 employees, SGS operates a network of more than 1,650 offices and laboratories around the world. SGS' world-class services improve efficiency, reduce risk and deliver competitive advantage for customers.

Four steps to EDGE Certification



Project Assessment

Use EDGE for free at www.edgebuildings.com. Register, create a new project and get started straight away entering basic building data, so that EDGE can calculate a base case. The intuitive, simple interface allows you to begin optimising your design, finding the most cost effective way of achieving the EDGE standard.

Project Registration

In preparation for an EDGE audit simply complete our registration form and send it to edge@thinkstep.com. thinkstep and SGS will take care of the rest. We will provide you with offers for the registration and certification as well as the audit of you EDGE assessment – all at modest prices.

Audit

You will receive a link to our file sharing platform. Start uploading your documents and provide your SGS auditor access to the files and to the EDGE assessment you have completed. Whether at design stage or post construction the SGS auditor will carry out a thorough audit of your EDGE assessment.

Certification

Once the SGS auditors are satisfied that the standard has been achieved they will submit the audit to thinkstep for certification. The EDGE certificate – a recognized award that will lend credibility to your green building portfolio, enhance your brand image and deliver real business value.



Exchange Complex,
Accra, Ghana



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The Exchange Complex in Accra, Ghana, funded by UK's development finance institution CDC Group with development partners Actis and Mabani Holdings, is the latest project to receive EDGE Certification.

The hotel, which will open as a Radisson Blu, is the first hotel in Africa to be certified to the EDGE building certification program.

"CDC and Actis are delighted that these developments are among the first EDGE design-certified projects in Africa. They set a benchmark for the industry. We would like to thank all those involved – including the project developers Dar Group, SGS, thinkstep and IFC – or sharing our vision and dedication to make this possible."

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