

# 2010

Golden Gecko Awards for  
Environmental Excellence



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Mines and Petroleum**



## A message from the Director General

The Golden Gecko Awards are an opportunity for an organisation to be recognised for leading practice and innovation in environmental management, and to share their experiences with government, industry and the community.

The Golden Gecko Awards were established in 1992 to recognise environmental excellence and leadership, and to acknowledge the outstanding contribution recipients have made balancing environmental responsibility with the successful development of Western Australia's mineral and petroleum resources. The awards are also an excellent vehicle for passing knowledge on to others, thus helping to improve environmental performance across the industry.

The Golden Geckos also seek to develop and maintain community confidence in the sustainability of mineral and petroleum activities by highlighting the advances and innovations in environmental practice in the resources sector.

The gecko was chosen as the symbol for the department's environmental awards because after a land disturbance, such as mining, geckos are among the last species to return to the area. Their presence indicates a return to a healthy functioning ecosystem. As such, the gecko was chosen as a symbol of environmental performance.

I encourage all organisations to consider entering the 2010 Golden Gecko Awards.

# Entry Criteria

Any project concerned with the environmental management of a Western Australian resource industry operation or its services is eligible to be entered. Entries are encouraged from individuals, small companies and organisations.

## Entry Guidelines

Entrants are required to complete an online form on the following (maximum 500 words on each area):

- **Background context and the nature of the challenge**

Describe the operation or project activities occurring on site. Outline the scope of the environmental issue addressed. This may include whether the environmental challenge required the development of new technology or techniques, or the refinement of existing ones, and how better environmental practices were promoted to achieve specific goals.

- **Commitment to environmental excellence**

Highlight the commitment to environmental excellence, which may include risk assessment, financial commitment, management systems, environmental reporting, or training programs.

- **Demonstrated excellent environmental outcomes**

Describe the environmental results of the initiative or innovation, and provide tangible evidence that the results demonstrate an environmentally excellent outcome.

- **Community engagement**

Describe the community relevance of the project and how the community has benefited, or has been engaged with the development of the project. Outline any ongoing partnerships and how these will be maintained. This may include efforts to share the knowledge gained from the project with the community, government or industry peers.

- **What makes the project special and innovative**

Specify how the project demonstrates innovation and leadership, and sets a new standard for the industry, or achieves standards higher than regulatory compliance.

Entrants must demonstrate how innovation and leadership have resulted in measurable environmental outcomes.

Entrants will also be able to upload material to support their entry such as pictures, plans, diagrams, or third-party testimonials.

# Assessment Process

Each entry is reviewed by an Assessment Panel, comprised of representatives from State Government agencies. As part of this assessment, entrants can support their written entry with a site visit or a meeting with the Assessment Panel.

The Assessment Panel prepares a detailed report on its assessment of each entry for consideration by a Selection Committee. The committee assesses each entry and reviews the Assessment Panel's report prior to selecting the award recipients.

Selection of award recipients is merit based, and therefore more than one entry may receive an award. Entries demonstrating determined efforts towards excellence may be awarded a Certificate of Merit.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum presents award recipients with a Golden Gecko bronze sculpture at the awards night.

## Key Dates for 2010

- February 2010: Entries open
- Friday, 9 April 2010: Entries close
- June and July 2010: Site visits
- August 2010: Selection Committee decision
- September 2010: Awards night presentation by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

**Prospective entrants are strongly encouraged to contact the Awards Coordinator, Kate Buckley, on 9222 3529 or [kate.buckley@dmp.wa.gov.au](mailto:kate.buckley@dmp.wa.gov.au) prior to entering.**

**For further guidance and to enter online, please visit [www.dmp.wa.gov.au/goldengecko](http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/goldengecko)**

## 2009 Golden Gecko Award Recipient



### Sodexo Remote Sites

Sodexo Remote Sites is a catering and facility management company for remote mining villages. Its Resource Recovery Program provides a sustainable alternative to existing waste management practices. Through identifying ways to minimise consumption of materials and recovery of recyclables, Sodexo has reduced the amount of landfill required. Proceeds from the recycling have been donated to Princess Margaret Hospital and the Royal Flying Doctor Service through the Ruggies Recycling Program.

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### Woodside Energy Ltd

Woodside undertook a series of hydrocarbon reservoir appraisal activities within or near the Scott Reef coral reef system from 2007 to 2008 and found that seismic surveys do not affect fish hearing. The company engaged marine science expertise from Australia and the United States to undertake an in-situ scientific research project which demonstrated that there were no effects on coral reef fish hearing from seismic surveys. As the project was scientifically robust, the findings are applicable to the whole petroleum industry. Woodside also refined existing drilling techniques in order to capture well cuttings and drilling fluids to prevent turbidity impacts on the coral reef community. It was the first use of such technology in Australia.

# Company Awards

- 2008: Hismelt – Minara Resources – Rocla Quarry Products and Kings Park and Botanic Gardens
- 2007: Alcoa World Alumina Australia
- 2006: Sons of Gwalia Ltd – Jo Jo Plastics and Ruggies Recycling
- 2005: BP Refinery Kwinana – Wesfarmers Premier Coal
- 2004: BHP Billiton Iron Ore and CSIRO – Newmont Bronzewing Operations
- 2003: Apache Energy Ltd – Beenup Consultative Group – Barrick Gold of Australia
- 2002: Alcoa World Alumina of Australia – Esperance Port Authority – LionOre Australia (Nickel) Ltd
- 2001: Homestake Gold of Australia – WA Museum and Woodside Energy
- 2000: Placer (Granny Smith) – Cockburn Cement – Alcoa World Alumina Australia – Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority
- 1999: Placer (Granny Smith) – Iluka Resources – Epic Energy
- 1998: Perilya Mines – Mobil Exploration and Producing Australia – Hamersley Iron
- 1997: Kings Park and Botanic Garden Plant Science Laboratory – BHP Petroleum
- 1996: Alcoa of Australia – Rod Mitchell’s Transport and Exploration Services
- 1995: Hamersley Iron – Arimco Mining – BHP Petroleum
- 1994: Rally Revegetation Services – CSR Readymix
- 1993: Western Mining Corporation – Hill 50 Gold Mine – BHP Iron Ore – Woodside Offshore Petroleum
- 1992: Alcoa of Australia – Normandy Poseidon – CRA Exploration – Hadson Energy – WAPET

# Individual Awards

- 1997: Lindsay Stockdale
- 1996: Harry Butler



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