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Santos and Woodside win APPEA Environment Awards

Santos GLNG and Woodside Energy have won environment awards at the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) national conference in Adelaide.

Announcing the awards last night at the Conference Dinner, APPEA Environmental Affairs Committee Chairman Eric Streitberg said this year's awards clearly illustrated the Australian oil and gas industry's high standards of environmental management.

Category A (Producer) winner: Santos GLNG

Santos has implemented an online water portal that shows results from more than 100 monitoring locations at which the Santos GLNG Project monitors surface and groundwater.

Users of the Santos GLNG Water Portal can access information on surface and subsurface water quality test results for aquifers and can view water bore levels. The information is updated quarterly.

The portal is also a one-stop public resource offering fact sheets, technical documents and answers to frequently asked questions about the Santos GLNG water management program.

The award recognises the water portal's contribution to openness, accountability and environmental excellence.

Category B (Explorer) winner: Woodside Energy

Woodside's partnerships with the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) and the Western Australian Museum (WAM) has improved the scientists', industry's and the broader community's understandings of biodiversity and ecological function in Western Australia's tropical marine communities.

Since 1993, Woodside (on behalf of its Browse joint venture partners) has collaborated with AIMS on more than 40 scientific expeditions to the offshore atolls of the Kimberley. This work has resulted in more than 20 peer-reviewed papers.

Since 1998, Woodside and the WAM have partnered in ground-breaking research on the marine biodiversity of the Dampier Archipelago and the waters off the Kimberley region for the Browse and Pluto projects. This is aimed at minimising the environmental footprint of hydrocarbon exploration and production. It has led to five major peer-reviewed papers.

Woodside's strong relationships with these partners continues to underpin the company's current and future developments.

This award recognises the positive outcomes on the environment and Australia's offshore exploration industry that can be gained through sharing knowledge.

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Industry raising the bar

Mr Streitberg said Australia's oil and gas industry recognises that its environmental credentials are critical to maintaining community and government support for industry access to energy resources.

"The industry has a strong environmental record, but companies such as Santos and Woodside continue to find new ways to enhance their performance," Mr Streitberg said.

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