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Busy ExxonMobil plays it safe to win APPEA Award

ExxonMobil Australia has won the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association Safety Excellence Award.

The award recognises responsible management of risk based on sound science; application of new technologies; and constructive engagement with the workforce, project partners, government and the wider industry in enhancing workplace health and safety.

APPEA Board member and Buru Energy Executive Chairman, Eric Streitberg announced the award at Tuesday night's APPEA 2015 Conference Dinner in Melbourne.

Mr Streitberg said the judges noted that ExxonMobil's management, workforce and project partners have collaborated systematically and effectively to minimise risks.

"ExxonMobil uses safety training, reporting and audits to learn from minor events, identify priorities for improvement and drive continuous improvement in safety performance," Mr Streitberg said.

"In 2014 ExxonMobil undertook drilling operations at its Marlin B platform; completed deepwater development drilling on the Jansz-Lo fields (as part of the Gorgon venture); began building a new gas conditioning plant at Longford; and undertook major maintenance shutdowns.

"This entailed almost 4.5 million work hours across the company's operations. Yet ExxonMobil achieved a new company record for personnel safety with no lost time injuries."

The judges also recognised ExxonMobil's participation in many industry activities, including Stand Together for Safety, the Australian Maritime Spill Response Committee, IChemE Safety and the Safety Case Working Group.

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