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Cement Australia – Winner in the inaugural QLD Premier’s ClimateSmart Awards

Cement Australia today announced that it has been awarded the inaugural Queensland Premier’s Sustainability Awards Corporate ClimateSmart Award for its ongoing commitment to the environment and sustainable practices.

The winners were announced at a ceremony hosted by the Premier of Queensland, The Hon Anna Bligh MP at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday 4th June 2010.

The award recognises outstanding achievement in making sustainable business practices the cornerstone of an organisation’s development strategy.

Specifically, the areas of Cement Australia’s operations that received the endorsement included its commitment to addressing sustainability issues with an innovative recycling strategy and its research into using alternative fuels. Plus the performance outcomes for 2009, showing a reduction of waste materials to landfill of 27,000 tonnes, a net greenhouse gas reduction of approximately 770,000 tonnes, and a reduction in the use of coal of about 120 000 tonnes.

With 192 entrants across all ClimateSmart award categories, the Corporate Award attracted 16 submissions. Cement Australia competed against finalists including Queensland Recycling Pty Ltd and Network Ten Brisbane.

Queensland’s Premier, Anna Bligh, said: “Every Awards nomination showcases a different and innovative approach to addressing climate change. Their environmental leadership makes our State stronger for the future and sets a fine example for all Queenslanders to follow.”

Chris Leon, Chief Executive Officer, Cement Australia commented that, “On behalf of Cement Australia, I would like to say that we are thrilled to be the winner of the Corporate ClimateSmart Award and that this represents a fantastic endorsement of our sustainability efforts”.

“We look forward to continuing our initiatives and finding new and innovative ways to reduce the impact of cement manufacturing on our environment,” Mr Leon added.