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### QAL AWARDED FOR SCIENCE PROGRAM

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) was recognised for their outstanding and innovative contribution to science and science education in Queensland last week, as a recipient of the Peter Doherty Industry Science Education Award.

The Awards, were presented by Rod Welford, Minister for Education and the Arts, during an official function at Customs House, Brisbane.

QAL was one of five recipients for the Peter Doherty Industry/Business/Research Institution Science Education Awards, which recognises industry, business, or research institutions throughout the state that support science education and provide science experiences beyond the classroom.

QAL Managing Director, Johann van Zyl said QAL had a long history of creating partnerships with science education centres in the Gladstone region, with the formation of Gladstone Area Mathematics, Science and Engineering Teachers Group (GAMSET), and the Alumina Learning Partnership Program (ALP).

“Such partnerships are formed on the basis of providing a solid knowledge, experience and enthusiasm base for both students and educators through the provision of specialist QAL resources,” he said.

“Approximately 8700 students in the Gladstone region have benefited over the last five years from QAL’s partnership with the ALP program. Utilising QAL scientists and laboratory materials, the program educates primary school children on science and the environment through six modules presented in either the classroom, or on site at the plant,” he said.

“Through the resource support of both of these groups and our own educational outreach and site-based activities, QAL has been and will continue to be a major supporter of science education in the Gladstone area.”

The Peter Doherty Awards are part of the Queensland Government’s 2003-2006 Spotlight on Science initiative, which encourages productive science partnerships between schools and industry, business, government, research, and educational institutions.

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Image caption: *QAL Laboratory Superintendent Heather Warren (right) accepts the Peter Doherty Award on behalf of QAL from Rod Welford, Minister for Education and the Arts.*

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