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QAL Board Meets with Community Members

The fourth annual meeting between community representatives and the QAL Board of Directors held recently received positive results with forum representatives pleased with the Board's opinion and approach in working towards reducing environmental impact.

The annual meeting provides forum members and the Board an opportunity to discuss QAL's performance of the previous year as well as providing an opportunity for the Board to thank community representatives for their valuable input over the year.

QAL Managing Director Johann van Zyl said the annual meeting reiterates QAL's support of the community and the importance of their feedback to QAL's Owners.

"The Forum has been a key component in our approach to better understand community expectations and we are appreciative of their positive attitudes," Mr van Zyl said.

"Both the regular Community Forums and the annual Board/Forum meetings demonstrate the depth of QAL's commitment to environmental improvement and the value of community input in addressing their expectations".

Recent results show a 44% reduction in community complaints from 2004 to 2005, a major reduction but the Board would like to see zero complaints.

The QAL Community Forum meets every two months and has been a valuable tool within the refinery's community relations program for over four years.

"Like many businesses we need the support of our community to prosper and grow – it's like a social licence to operate," Mr van Zyl said.

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