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QAL awarded for state-wide training excellence

Queensland Alumina Limited's (QAL) commitment to providing quality training earned it a prestigious award at Manufacturing Skills Queensland's Industry Awards held in Brisbane last week.

The plant was awarded the Manufacturing Large Employer of the Year at the ceremony, an impressive accolade recognising QAL's training systems and processes.

The Award recognises the range of vocational education and training opportunities QAL offers its employees and the systems it has in place to comprehensively assess and improve upon the workforce's skills base.

QAL Acting Human Resources Development Officer, Terry Johnston attended the Brisbane function to accept the award.

Mr Johnston said it is the second time QAL has entered this competition and the first time QAL has won this award, which is testament to the plant's ongoing investment into its training programs.

"For QAL to be up against top quality training organisations and businesses in Queensland and then receive the Award demonstrates the calibre of the training systems and programs offered to our employees," Mr Johnston said.

Managing Director, Phil Campbell said the Award is a sign that QAL is being proactive in training its workforce and addressing skills shortages.

"We continually strive to improve on our capacity to train our workforce. We analyse employees' skills and address the gaps by providing numerous training opportunities," Mr Campbell said.

"Our programs not only give people required knowledge to succeed in their roles, we also offer avenues to help employees up-skill themselves to further their careers, while simultaneously bolstering the skills base on site.

"QAL's training systems and programs are consistently best-practice in Queensland and this Award demonstrates we are committed to providing a holistic approach to benefit both employees and QAL," he said.

In further training recognition, QAL has been named a finalist in the regional finals of the Queensland Training Awards, with the winner to be announced at a function on Saturday 23 July.

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Eric Salonen, General Manager Manufacturing Skills Queensland, Terry Johnston, QAL Acting Human Resources Development Officer and hon. Jan Jarrett, Minister for Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business

About Queensland Alumina Limited:

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) commenced operation in March 1967 with an annual production rate of 600,000 tonnes of alumina. Today QAL is one of the world's largest alumina refineries, producing 3.95 million tonnes of the world's best smelter grade alumina per year. With an average workforce of 1050 employees, QAL is the region's largest employer and annually contributes approximately \$200 million directly to the local economy.

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