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QAL ACHIEVES ONE MILLION HOURS SERIOUS INJURY FREE!

Today QAL achieved one million hours serious injury free for the first time in the plant's forty-year history.

This milestone means that over 1400 employees and contractors have worked since 16 May 2007 without a single lost time injury, restricted work injury or medical treatment injury.

QAL Health, Safety, Environment and Communities Manager Ross Greenhalgh said the world-class performance was a combination of contractor and QAL safety programs, changing behaviours and attitudes, as well as a drive towards a safety culture of mates looking after mates.

"Employees and contractors are not only more vigilant towards their own safety and that of their mates, but also understand the reasoning behind using the safety tools available," Mr Greenhalgh said.

"The families of the workers want their loved ones to return home from work every day in the same healthy state in which they arrived. In order to achieve this, people now have the mindset that they need to give safety top priority and look out for their workmates at all times."

"Employees and contractors have proven that by adopting safe work practices, keeping focused and actively utilising the many safety tools available, particularly QSafe, our behavioural safety observation process, an injury free workplace is indeed possible," he said.

The milestone follows the target of 750 000 hours without a serious injury, being passed on 30 July. This goal was set in 2005 after the plant had previously accomplished 500 000 hours without a serious injury. As part of the 750 000 hours incentive, 26 prizes were on offer, including the major prize of a Quintrex boat. Upon reaching this goal in July, employees and contractors were entered into a random prize draw of the boat, overnight Rydges International Resort packages and return flights to Brisbane.

A safety award will also be made to those that contributed to the achievement.

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QAL Managing Director Johann van Zyl (left) with the major prize winner of the 750 000 hours incentive, Projects Civil Drafter Peter Zmigrod.

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