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QAL Recognised State Wide for Training Excellence

The world-class training methods of Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) were acknowledged recently at the 2008 Mining Industry Skills Centre Training Awards.

The recognition was two-fold for QAL, with the both the organisation and an employee announced as a finalists at the Awards. QAL in the category of Leading Training Processes and Practices of the Year – Medium to Large Company and Metalliferous Processing Trainee Genine Pritchard in the Processing Trainee of the Year category.

Human Resources Superintendent Keith Greatrix said QAL's ability to develop the skills of employees in a wide range of areas, such as safety, career progression, technical training and personal development, has led to it being recognised as a finalist in the Awards.

"The training philosophy we have at QAL is to develop both the needs of QAL and our employees," Mr Greatrix said.

"In order to do this we not only offer training for skills that are required now, but we identify where the skills gaps are and what may be required in the future,"

"Genine is one of the many success stories as a result of QAL training and was nominated for her hard working performance and strong leadership skills towards her fellow trainees. Since the nomination, Genine has completed her traineeship and is now working permanently at QAL as a Lubrication Technician." Mr Greatrix said.

As part of the judging process, both QAL's Training Department and Genine will be participating in interviews before the state winners are announced at the official dinner in Brisbane on 26 September.

The Mining Industry Skills Centre Training Awards recognises and rewards the exceptional achievements of individuals, companies, trainees and trainers who have made an outstanding contribution to training and skill development.

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