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Leighton Contractors win 2015 Queensland Project Safety Excellence Award

Leighton Contractors were announced the winners of the **2015 Queensland Project Safety Excellence Award** at a gala dinner attended by around 300 construction industry leaders at the Brisbane Convention Centre last night.

The Awards are run annually by the Queensland Major Contractors Association (QMCA), the peak body representing the state's engineering construction industry.

Sponsored by Herbert Smith Freehills, the Award is Queensland's highest construction safety accolade, recognising a project team's commitment to safety in the construction of major government and private sector infrastructure projects.

Leighton Contractors beat six other high profile contenders to take the prize for their APLNG Gas Gathering Project.

The winning project involves gas gathering system supports for approximately 600 coal seam gas wells between Miles and Yuleba in the Western Downs region. The works include more than 1,300km of poly welded pipelines, and 1,700km of fibre optic and power cabling.

Other finalists were Decmil Australia for the QGC Wellhead Installations project, Golding and WorkPac for the Roys Road project, Lang O'Rourke for the New Generation Rollingstock Maintenance Centre project, Thiess and Leighton Contractors for the Moreton Bay Rail project, Lendlease for the Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra A3 project, and McConnell Dowell for the Brisbane City Flood Recovery and Milton Ferry Terminal Upgrade project.

QMCA President Iain Ward said the award continues to reflect the industry's high level of commitment to safety. "Tonight's award has once again highlighted the construction industry's commitment to achieving the highest possible safety standards" he said.

Judging Panel Chair, Harold Downes, said "Leighton Contractors' APLNG Gas Gathering project demonstrated effective leadership at all levels, and their support of plant design changes will benefit the industry nationally."

The judging panel comprised Chris Phelan from Workplace Health and Safety Queensland; Peter Lyons, former QMCA President and current Director - Infrastructure at Jukes Todd; and construction industry expert Harold Downes, Partner and Asia Pacific Health and Safety Team Leader at Herbert Smith Freehills.

The award is in its 15th year.

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