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Media Release



Rheem Australia wins gold for greenhouse efforts

Rheem Australia has been recognised for its energy efficiency projects at the NSW Energy and Water Green Globe Awards, winning Gold for the Energy Smart Business Program.

The NSW Minister for Utilities, The Hon Carl Scully, MP hosted the award ceremony at NSW Parliament House along with the Director-General of the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, Mr David Nemtzow. The awards recognise outstanding energy and water sustainability achievers. More than 400 business, industry and government leaders attended the event.

"I congratulate Rheem Australia for their achievements and their commitment to sustainability in their operations," said Mr Nemtzow.

"Companies like Rheem Australia are leading the way in best practice management of energy and water resources and demonstrating the benefits of energy savings to the environment and reducing their bottom line."

By implementing energy efficient projects across their operations Rheem Australia has saved \$179,960 on their energy bills and 2,833 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

There were nine Gold Awards presented to Energy Smart Businesses, as well as one Silver and three Bronze. A further 11 Awards, recognising champions in water and energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, education and best practice programs were also awarded.

Mr Nemtzow said the Energy and Water Green Globe Awards recognise the leaders in sustainable energy and water in NSW and honour individuals and organisations that have been proactive in embracing sustainable business practices.

"This recognition proves that Rheem Australia is doing well by doing good", said Mr Nemtzow.

"Rheem Australia's forward-thinking approach stands them in good stead in the years to come," he said. "Because not only are they helping businesses to save money on their energy bills, they are ahead of the game in teaching others how to manage their resources more efficiently."

"Rheem Australia is making an important contribution to the NSW Government's long-term strategy to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions," he said.

Twenty four leading innovators in energy and water conservation were recognised for their efforts in delivering projects to cut water and electricity use.

For information and photos, visit <http://www.deus.nsw.gov.au/greenglobeawards>

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