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IMEX Green Supplier Awards Head Down-Under For Second Year Running

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Australian suppliers cemented their dominance of the green meetings partner arena by winning both Gold and Silver Awards in this year's IMEX Green Supplier Award for a second year running at last night's IMEX Gala Dinner Awards.

Adelaide Convention Centre's innovative efforts to reduce the environmental impact of its operations through planning, implementation and evaluation helped them to win silver last year.

In 2010 they have gone one better to be declared winners of the prestigious IMEX Green Supplier Gold Award.

Alec Gilbert, Chief Executive at Adelaide Convention Centre, who picked up the award on the night commented: "Winning the IMEX Green Supplier 'Gold' Award is a fantastic acknowledgment of our success in implementing sustainable practices across all aspects of the Adelaide Convention Centre operation."

"We have developed a culture of "Gold Service, Green Attitude", which has become a core value for us and helped bring this continued success."

"We are proud of what we have achieved in terms of minimising our impact on the local environment and influencing others to partner with us in achieving our environmental and corporate social responsibility goals."

"In the past few years, Adelaide Convention Centre has continually benchmarked its environmental standards against the world's best, and to receive this recognition is an honour we share across the entire organisation."

Compatriots from the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre were also celebrating last night after receiving the 'Silver' award in this category.

Alison Gardiner, Manager International Convention Bidding, who received the award from IMEX Group Chairman, Ray Bloom, commented: "At the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre we believe that green values are mainstream values and are fundamental to our core business principles."

"We made a strategic commitment a number of years ago to establish our credentials as a globally responsible organisation and to build a sustainable future for our clients, our staff and our community."

Alison continued: "We implemented our environmental policies at grass roots level long before the green movement gathered momentum and we continue to develop those policies. We are

honoured and delighted to be part of the IMEX Green Suppliers Award and to be acknowledged in this way."

The Green Supplier Award continues to be one of the most sought after in the industry and was developed by IMEX and GMIC (Green Meeting Industry Council) to recognise environmental excellence and innovation amongst meetings industry suppliers.

This year's shortlist also included: Complejo Grand Palladium Riviera Maya Resort and Spa; Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB); Bella Center Copenhagen; BTG Event Solutions; Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts; Doubletree Hotel Portland; Zentrum für Umweltkommunikation; Grimaldi Forum Monaco and Naturresort SCHINDELBRUCH.