



MEDIA RELEASE

TEAMWORK AND VENUE NETWORK DELIVER MORE GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOR AEG OGDEN

Two more significant international convention and exhibition centre awards have been added to the growing AEG Ogden trophy cabinet.

This week, the AEG Ogden managed Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) was judged “*Middle East’s Leading Convention and Exhibition Centre*” at the 2012 World Travel Awards in Dubai.

The annual World Travel Awards acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all sectors of the global travel and tourism industry.

The QNCC was officially opened last December and debuted by hosting the 20th World Petroleum Congress. Since then, the venue has hosted 112 events attended by more than 128,000 visitors including the high profile UN Conference on Trade and Development.

In late March, the AEG Ogden managed Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) was named “*Best Convention Centre in Asia*” in the 2012 MICE Report Awards.

These awards are organised annually by the MICE Report, the ultimate magazine for business travellers, conference organisers and meeting planners.

The KLCC opened in 2005 and now features an impressive annual international event profile. It has won a number of industry awards including Travel Weekly’s Best Exhibition and Convention Centre in Asia two years running.

The awards to the Qatar and Kuala Lumpur centres follow other significant recognitions of a number of Australian venues managed by AEG Ogden. They include:

- **Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC)**

The BCEC turned in a dominant performance at the prestigious Meetings and Events Australia (MEA) awards. It won Australia’s Best Meeting Venue for 500 delegates or more and was named joint winner in the Corporate Social Responsibility (over 30 fulltime employees) category. The venue had earlier won three MEA Queensland awards taking its total award tally to 124 including 57 for catering.

- **Cairns Convention Centre (CCC)**

The CCC features regularly in the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC) client survey which recognises excellence in convention centre management. Cairns was named by AIPC as the World’s Best Congress Centre in 2004 and has been in the top four World Congress Centres every year since 2002.

- **Darwin Convention Centre (DCC)**

The DCC recently was the recent recipient of a major award by the prestigious Meeting and Events Australia (MEA) association. The Centre was announced the Northern Territory winner in the highly competitive category of Best Meeting Venue for 500 or more delegates.

AEG Ogden Director of Convention Centres, Geoff Donaghy said the company highly valued international and national awards bestowed upon its venues.

“They are recognition of the commitment, dedication and hard work that our management and staff put into making their venues stand out from the pack in what is a very competitive industry.

“Just as importantly, it shows the great teamwork that exists and operates within the entire AEG Ogden group.

“While each of our venues operate in highly competitive markets, there is a collaborative sharing of information, intelligence and resources across all of our venues.

“We are a genuine network and expanding even further into Oman, India and China. By working together, we are able to provide a unique and valuable service to the respective owners which entrust the management of their venues to AEG Ogden,” Mr Donaghy said.

About AEG Ogden

AEG Ogden is a joint venture between Australian interests and AEG Facilities of the United States.

AEG Ogden manages venues throughout the Asia Pacific region, including the Qatar, Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Kuala Lumpur and Oman (currently under construction) Convention Centres; Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane; Sydney’s Allphones Arena, the Brisbane Entertainment Centre, the Newcastle Entertainment Centre, and the Perth Arena (currently under construction); and live theatres including Perth’s His Majesty’s Theatre and the Perth Concert Hall. For further information, visit www.aegogden.com

AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Company, is the leading sports, entertainment and venue operator in the world. AEG Facilities, a stand-alone affiliate of AEG, owns, operates or consults with 100 of the industry’s preeminent venues worldwide, across five continents, and works in concert with affiliated AEG entities, including live event producer, AEG Live, AEG Global Partnerships and AEG Development to support the success of AEG venues across the globe. AEG owns, operates or provides services to venues including STAPLES Center (Los Angeles, Calif.), The Home Depot Center (Carson, Calif.), Nokia Theatre L.A. Live (Los Angeles, Calif.), Citizens Business Bank Arena (Ontario, Calif.), Valley View Casino Center, (San Diego, Calif); Sprint Center (Kansas City, Mo.), XL Center and Rentschler Field (Hartford, Conn) The Rose Garden (Portland, Ore.), KeyArena (Seattle, Wash.), KFC YUM! Center (Louisville, Ky.), American Airlines Arena (Miami, Fla.), AT&T Center (San Antonio, Tx.), Time Warner Cable Arena (Charlotte, N.C.), Prudential Center (Newark, N.J.), Target Center (Minneapolis, Minn.), Mercedes-Benz Arena (Shanghai, China), Mastercard Center (Beijing, China), The O2 Arena (London, England), O2 World (Berlin, Germany), O2 World Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany), Ahoy Arena (Rotterdam, Netherlands), Pernambuco Stadium (Recife, Brazil), Acer Arena, (Sydney Aust)Globe Arenas (Stockholm, Sweden), Turk Telekom Arena (Istanbul, Turkey) and the Qatar National Convention Centre (Doha, Qatar) For more information, visit www.aegworldwide.com.

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