

Woodside Recognised For Green Approach

Woodside Energy was the only oil and gas explorer recognised at this year's Golden Gecko Awards for Environmental Excellence, which reward Western Australian resource companies which have shown commitment to environmental responsibility.

Woodside missed out on a Golden Gecko Award but received a certificate of merit for its reduction of flare gas emissions from the Cossack Pioneer FPSO facility.

The Cossack Pioneer team, with support from management, revised its flaring policy and procedures to minimise flared gas volumes from the FPSO. The application of the operational procedures, combined with minimising unplanned system outages, led to significant reductions in greenhouse gas

emissions and improved facility performance.

The reduction of flare gas emissions from Cossack Pioneer is well beyond regulatory requirements. The commitment demonstrates how procedural changes, as opposed to capital investment, can result in both environmental and economic improvements.

The Golden Gecko Awards are presented each year to encourage the resources industry to achieve excellence, recognise achievements and to show the public that a balance can be struck between environmental values and economic development.

WA State Development Minister, Clive Brown, said the 2002 awards recipients re-affirmed a growing commitment across the

resources sector to achieving environmental excellence.

"Whether we are talking about large or small companies, private enterprise or government, we must all strive for development that meets today's and tomorrow's needs. Fortunately, companies such as the 2002 Golden Gecko recipients are at the leading edge of developing techniques and practices. This will ensure that our community can continue to enjoy the benefits derived from resources development, whilst handing on a sound environment to future generations", Brown said.

Brown said the nominations were of the highest standard yet seen in the awards.