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Conundrum reaches finals of the 2009 Strzelecki Awards

Conundrum Holdings Pty Ltd' Stawell Quarry site made the final list of nominations for the 2009 Strzelecki Awards under the Medium Sized Earth Resource Operation category.

Established by the Victorian Government in 2005, the Strzelecki Awards recognise excellence and innovation in sustainable earth resource development.

The awards were presented last night and although Conundrum was not awarded the major prize, the Minister for Energy and Resources, Peter Batchelor announced that each finalist deserved recognition for their achievements.

Conundrum Holdings Pty Ltd was nominated for its progressive rehabilitation efforts at the Stawell Quarry site over the past decade. This rehabilitation program has included:

- Consultation with local environment groups including Land Care and Project Platypus
- Progressive rehabilitation and revegetation of the quarry's terminal faces
- Propagation of native seeds collected on site
- Erosion repair and control
- Increasing the capacity of the onsite containment dam
- Reclamation and reduction of product stockpile areas
- A detailed weed monitoring and control program

This program has delivered the following benefits for the environment and community:

- Reduction of the site's overall footprint
- Elimination of silt run-offs and increased capacity for on-site water recycling
- Increased habitat for wildlife
- Protection of indigenous plant species
- Reduction of weed species
- Reduced soil erosion
- Reduced off-site visual impacts
- Carbon emissions offsets

Conundrum Holdings is proud to have achieved this nomination and would like to congratulate all employees at Stawell Quarry for their ongoing participation in these environmental efforts, keep up the good work.