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Project Management Achievement Awards – national winners announced

Melbourne, Tuesday 11 October 2005:

An ambitious project that transformed banking services for business customers won both the national Change Management category and National Project of the Year award at the 2005 national Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) last night. The Retail Banking division of Suncorp scooped the awards for its innovative Project Streamline initiative.

Commissioned by Suncorp's Deposit Management Service in Brisbane, Project Streamline formed part of a drive to improve and deliver increased levels of service and electronic banking solutions to business customers. More than 100 internal staff from 10 different departments, as well as seven external vendors, were involved in the complex project which delivered important strategic benefits.

Results included significant cost savings, increased potential to grow revenue through the provision of merchant management services to other companies, an improved competitive position in the small and medium enterprise and business banking markets, and a new level of convenience for merchant EFTPOS customers.

The Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) organises the PMAA to recognise excellence in project management Australia-wide. As well as the Change Management category and the National Project of the Year, other national awards presented last night included those for Construction, IT, Product Development and Regional Development.

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Commenting on the awards Peter Shears, AIPM chief executive officer said:

“Submissions this year came from every State and from areas as diverse as insurance, government, construction, utilities, IT, defence and engineering. Though the winners come from different industries they share a recognition that sound project management is vital if business objectives are to be achieved.”

National PMAA winners:

Award category	Project	Organisation / Individual
Project of the Year	Project Streamline – Merchant Acquirer Status	Suncorp (QLD)
Change Management winner	Project Streamline – Merchant Acquirer Status	Suncorp (QLD)
Construction winner	Brisbane Magistrates Court project	Queensland Department of Public Works (QLD)
IT winner	Insourcing Project	Insurance Australia Group (VIC)
Product Development winner	Hercules Electronic Warfare Self Protection (EWSP) Project	APP (NSW)
Regional Development winner	North Queensland Gas Pipeline Project	Enertrade / GHD / Thiess (QLD)

Individual awards were also presented as follows:

- Chee Shien Jeremy, Student Award winner, University of Sydney
- Andrew John Skeet, Student Medal winner, University of Technology Sydney
- Peter Scuderi, Individual PMAA, Level 6 winner
- Garry Kennedy, Individual PMAA, Level 5 winner

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