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Innova Cleans Up Engineering Excellence Awards

Innova Soil Technology has been honoured for its world-leading soil cleaning technology by the Australian Institution of Engineers.

Innova received two awards in the Newcastle division; the AusIndustry award for Excellence in Innovation and the major prize, the Energy Australia Award for Engineering Excellence.

Innova Managing Director, Dr John Lucas, said the company was proud to be recognised for its breakthrough technology, which employs a patented energy recovery system and conventional thermal desorption techniques to clean contaminated soils effectively, economically and with fewer emissions.

"We have proven that our technology does what we say it will do, through an exhaustive testing process which took six months and finished in December last year. The Innova solution finally adds an economic incentive to the moral obligation that companies have to clean-up the land that they leave behind."

"Our technology provides the opportunity to clean sites once and for all, rather than hand the problem down to our children, or our children's children."

Dr Lucas said that Innova was actively seeking commercial contracts to clean-up contaminated land both in Australia and overseas.

"There are an estimated 150 former gasworks sites in Australia requiring remediation. Independent reviews suggest that there are in excess of 7,000 contaminated sites in NSW alone, with a total clean-up cost of \$2-billion."

Innova will now progress to the national round of the awards for Engineering Excellence, to be announced in Canberra in September. They will be in the running for the top honour in Australian Engineering, the Sir William Hudson Award.

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