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Another Milestone @ Sugar Australia Glebe Island

Sugar Australia's Glebe Island site has taken another significant step on their journey to **World Class!!!** In July 2011 the site achieved Level 3 certification in the **5 Level Milestone TPM³ Excellence Award**.

Becoming the first site within Sugar Australia to achieve Level 3, and the first site in Australia since 2002, they proved what a great success their journey has been.

Figure 1 – Part of the Glebe Team



The journey for Glebe started in October 2005 and despite a number of challenges along the way, including a number of changes in Site Management, the site remained focused, achieving Level 1 in 2008 and Level 2 in 2009.

With the vision to be the first site in Australia to achieve Level 5 and driven by the enthusiasm of all employees on the site, the foundations have been well and truly laid for Level 5 certification by 2014.

The tangible benefits to the site have included:

- Cost savings of \$1.2 million;
- Changeover improvement time by over 50%;
- 9 years Lost Time Injury free; and
- Sustained increases in Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) on its major packing lines from an average of 30% to an average of 75%.

Other significant benefits have included:

- The development of Frontline Problem Solving Skills of all employees;
- Improvement between the Production and Maintenance workforce;

- Operators conducting basic routine maintenance and lubrication;
- A Visual Workplace allowing problems to be seen at the earliest possible time; and
- On-going Frontline Equipment Care activities contributing to greater equipment reliability.

Site Manager, Grant Kaczorowski was very proud of their success.

"The site has worked extremely hard over the years to achieve Level 3 and this award is great recognition for all employees on our improvement journey. We will continue our efforts to improve OEE, drive down costs and make the operation a safer place to work at. Our focus is now on achieving Level 4 with a specific focus on training and improving operator capability".

At the **2011 TPM & Lean Annual Forum**, Glebe site representatives were formally presented with their Level 3 Award. CTPM would like to **congratulate** Sugar Australia Glebe on their achievement.

Figure 2 – Forum Level 3 Milestone Presentation



Left to Right: Ross Kennedy (CTPM), Grant Kaczorowski, Carmine Caruccio, Scott Donnelly, and Robert McCotter.

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