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AWN and Golder Associates join forces

AWN (Air Water Noise) Consultants and Golder Associates Pty Ltd have joined forces to become the Australian leader in air quality and environmental services.

Golder Associates Managing Director, Mr Darren Watt, said the merger would magnify the market power of both companies.

"There are many natural synergies. Our people are technical experts in their fields, our services are highly complementary, our brands are respected and we share the same strategic vision. Merging our air and environmental businesses is an astute decision," Mr Watt said

AWN Managing Director, Mr Frank Fler, said staff, clients and prospective clients would realise many advantages.

"Together, we will be able to enrich and deepen our technical expertise and satisfy the growing number of clients seeking sustainable solutions. Our people will enjoy new career opportunities and our clients will benefit from our strong commitment to a quality service culture. It's a very exciting time," Mr Fler said.

AWN and Golder Associates have worked on a number of projects together during the past five years. The formal merger however, will allow future expansion.

Golder already has one of the best air quality teams in the Asia Pacific region, with Christchurch Principal Roger Cudmore and his group working across Australasia. Together, AWN and Golder can now deliver the most complex of air quality work at world-class standards throughout the region. When linked with its other air quality experts in North America, Europe and Africa, Golder is uniquely positioned to provide technical excellence across the globe.

Within Australia, AWN and Golder Associates has the local capacity to deliver specialist expertise in areas such as ambient air quality monitoring, stack and area source emission monitoring, odour and dust assessments, environmental air quality impact assessments and modelling, Best Practice guidelines for industry sectors and environmental authority negotiations.

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AWN (Air Water Noise) was established in 1983 to serve the needs of industry in the areas of air quality monitoring, modelling, management and control. Since that time a reputation for excellence and leadership has been established in all facets of environmental engineering/science projects conducted throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific region. **Golder Associates** is a global group of consulting companies specialising in ground engineering and environmental services. Golder is employee-owned and has experienced steady growth since its formation in 1960. More than 7,000 people operate in local companies in offices across Africa, Australia, Europe, North America and South America.