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NSW COMPANY'S INNOVATIVE WATER PRODUCT WINS MAJOR PLUMBING INDUSTRY AWARD

An “intelligent” smart water meter has been awarded the Incolink GreenPlumbers® Innovative Product of the Year Award at the 2007 GreenPlumbers® Awards – an industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services for the plumbing industry.

Produced by New South Wales company Watersave Australia, WaterGuard monitors water use in real-time, protecting property against the damage caused by burst pipes and leaks. It can help the user to understand, manage and reduce water consumption.

The device works by recording water consumption data from any pulse water meter and can be configured to upload the data to a secure website for analysis.

Monitoring water consumption by time and volume, WaterGuard can also be programmed to automatically cut-off the water supply when it detects an abnormal situation or alert the owner via mobile or email.

GreenPlumbers® is an innovative training and accreditation initiative developed by the Master Plumbers' and Mechanical Services Association of Australia (MPMSAA) as the gateway to a ‘green’ plumbing business.

The GreenPlumbers® Awards is the platform upon which the MPMSAA, on behalf of the plumbing industry, acknowledges the contributions made to the environment by individual plumbers and manufacturers.

So far the GreenPlumbers® training program has saved Australia more than 3 billion litres of water, equivalent to 4700 Olympic-sized swimming pools and millions of dollars in energy savings.

To date there are more than 5,500 plumbers representing over 3,300 plumbing businesses that have completed one or more GreenPlumbers® training sessions.

Paul Marsh from Watersave Australia accepted the award, and said “WaterGuard is an extremely effective and versatile system for all applications where water conservation and leak detection is a priority.”

“We wanted to harness technology to create a cost-effective answer to total water management, and by extension, help people take environmental responsibility.”

MPMSAA Chief Executive Officer Ray Herbert congratulated Watersave Australia for their achievement.

“Watersave’s intelligent WaterGuard system is a great example of how we can all become guardians of our earth’s precious resources, and take a preventative rather than a restorative approach to our environment.”

“It is this sentiment that is at the heart of the *GreenPlumbers*® initiatives.”

Incolink, a joint enterprise of employer associations and unions in the building and construction industry, was proud to support the Innovative Product of the Year category in order to encourage the development of Australian technology towards an environmentally sustainable future.

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