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SYDNEY TRAINS WINS PRESTIGIOUS PROJECT MANAGEMENT AWARD

Sydney Trains has won a prestigious Project Management Achievement Award for an innovative system that is installed on the track to provide early detection of rolling stock defects.

The award, which was presented in the Developmental Projects category at the 2014 Australian Institute of Project Management's (AIPM) NSW Chapter awards last week, was awarded for Sydney Trains Third Generation Hot Box Detector Systems Project.

The prestigious awards – which were held at the Establishment Hotel in Sydney on Thursday, August 21 - were opened by The Governor of New South Wales Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO and attended by representatives from a range of organisations including NSW Public Works, Qantas and the CSIRO.

The Third Generation Hot Box Detector Systems Project was delivered by the Sydney Trains Maintenance Directorate's Operational Technology team.

Project Manager Codruta Bastucescu accepted the award on behalf of Sydney Trains.

"I was very grateful for the opportunity to manage this project. Like all multi-

disciplinary projects, it was a great team effort involving over 100 people over the course of five years. I was honoured to accept the award on behalf of Sydney Trains,” said Codruta.

Part of a suite of condition monitoring systems, Hot Box Detector systems are installed on the track to provide early detection of rolling stock defects, so they can be rectified before they damage rolling stock and infrastructure, or pose a risk to public safety.

The Third Generation Hot Box Detector Systems project was particularly complex as it involved the introduction of new technology, was multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder, had safety and operational impacts, and was industrially sensitive.

The project was delivered on time and under budget and demonstrated Sydney Trains capability in project managing the procurement, trial and rollout of the latest technology to enhance network safety and service reliability.

The Hot Box Detector Systems project now progresses to the AIPM’s national awards in October 2014.

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Testing the Hot Box Detector System



From left: Program Delivery Manager Operational Technology Pascal Labouze, General Manager Major Works Wes Heron, Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, Project Manager Codruta Bastucescu and Design Engineer Mahrina Munir.