

## It's a Double – Double for Simplot

This Year, two of Simplot Australia's five sites, have achieved Level 2 of the 5 Level Milestone Excellence Award.

Level 2 requires a site to be undertaking Operator Equipment Management Step 2 (OEM-2) activity and Maintenance Excellence Management in 25% of the defined production and maintenance areas, along with all the activities associated with Level 1.

**Devonport Site** was initially assessed for Level 1 in August of 2006 and since then they have expanded their activity to approximately 35% of the entire site, with over half of the production teams now undertaking Operator Equipment Management Step 4 (OEM-4), with two of the seven maintenance areas having completed the initial cycle of Maintenance Area Management (MAM).

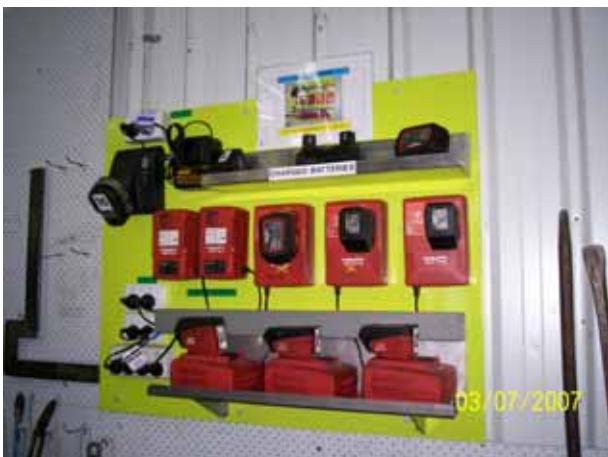
Devonport will be giving a special presentation at this year's forum detailing their OEM-4 activity, discussing the benefits of Maintainers training Operators in the function of their equipment.



Maintenance Store MAM activity



OEM-4 Classroom training, conveyors and drives



OEM-3 Final presentation and cost reduction activity



Devonport's site results have been outstanding since the commencement of activity in January 2005, a subject that will be expanded on by Glen Avery (Regional Business Improvement Manager TAS), at this year's forum.

**Echuca Site** was assessed to Level 1 some months after Devonport, in February 2007, and has quickly caught up with Devonport, achieving Level 2 this month.

Echuca now has a number of teams completing Work Area Management (WAM), OEM 1-2, and similarly to Devonport undertaken a great deal of activity in the Maintenance Areas, with both Cross-functional improvements as well as Maintenance Area Based activity.

There is currently 46% of the entire workforce actively engaged with improvement activity on the site generating hundreds of improvements each year. Not content with satisfying the Level 2 requirements the teams have now expanded into two other support areas, the Laboratory and Administration offices, both of whom are undertaking Support Area Management (SAM). Support area activity is normally a requirement of Level 3.

We will be hearing from the Lab team at the forum, as they are finalists in this year's TPM<sup>3</sup> Aussie Cup Team Competition.



Hall of Fame: Improvements posted in the plant



OEM-1: Map of plant to highlight location and status of defects



Site Scoreboard and Noticeboards

Again tangible results of their activity will be discussed by Alastair McCreddon, Plant Manger Echuca, at the forum, including a presentation on how the 5 Level TPM<sup>3</sup> Milestone Excellence Award changed their improvement activity from one of "Cherry Picking" to a structured approach focusing on what was important to support the business goals and objectives.

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