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ADELAIDE WINS NATIONAL "BEST PORT" TITLE

South Australia's main shipping port – the Port of Adelaide – has been named the nation's best port.

Operated by private managers, Flinders Ports, the port won the national title of "Port of the Year" at Australia's premier shipping industry awards, the *2005 Lloyd's List DCN Australian Shipping and Transport Awards*.

"Being judged as Australia's Port of the Year caps an historic 12 months for South Australian shipping, and our Company," Flinders Ports' Chief Executive, Mr Vincent Tremaine, said.

"2005 will long be remembered as the year South Australia's main shipping port – the Port of Adelaide – was put 'back on the radar screens' of international shipping routes," he said.

"For Flinders Ports, the award represents the culmination of four years of vision and hard work.

"From the first day of taking over the day-to-day running of SA's seven key ports in 2001, we identified what was required to make the Port of Adelaide internationally and nationally competitive, and have remained focussed on achieving that objective.

"That the judges recognised the perseverance Flinders Ports has shown to get the port to the position it is today is a credit to all our staff."

According to judges, this year's award had a special focus on innovation.

Judges were looking for projects or developments where port operations had taken a "bold approach to an opportunity or a problem".

The emphasis was on operational management or physical developments, rather than on commercial or management policy matters.

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