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Green building's performance results set benchmark

Four years on, one of Australia's iconic green buildings is still setting the highest standards when it comes to energy, water and waste conservation, as revealed in the Szencorp Building's 2009 Building Performance Report, which was released today.

In an effort to lead by example and encourage other sustainable buildings to be transparent about their ongoing performance, Szencorp publishes a Building Performance Report each year.

The report openly discloses the Szencorp Building's performance across a wide range of benchmarks, highlights areas in which the building needs to improve, and includes lessons learned. As a privately owned company, Szencorp is not legally required to produce the report.

The 2009 report revealed that the Szencorp Building achieved:

- **water savings of 88%** (compared to the industry average as measured by NABERS water rating of 2.5 Stars)
- **energy savings of 65%** (compared to energy consumption prior to the building's retrofit)
- **waste reduction of 54%** (compared to waste generated by the average Australian office worker)
- **top 4% ranking for overall building performance in Australia** (source: Building Use Studies)
- **39% of occupants cycle, walk or catch public transport to work.**

The Szencorp Building has maintained its position as Australia's highest rated sustainable building against design and performance benchmarks, with a 6 Star Green Star rating for design, 5 Star NABERS Energy and Water performance ratings, and a 4 Star NABERS Waste performance rating, which is the highest waste rating awarded to date.

Szencorp Building owner and developer, Peter Szental, said a building's performance is the final arbiter of its success.

"Getting the building design right is important, but it is how a building performs on a daily basis that demonstrates whether it is meeting its true environmental objectives," Mr Szental said.

"Sustainable buildings must be regularly monitored to ensure their energy and water consumption remains as efficient as possible and that their sustainable design features are working at optimum levels.

"We measure and verify the Szencorp Building's energy and water consumption in real-time, conduct numerous surveys and commission various reports to gain a thorough understanding of the building's performance, and then make these results available to the public.

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“The Szencorp Building is proof that retrofitting an inefficient office building can deliver significant ongoing energy and water savings, so by promoting our achievements we can hopefully encourage other building owners and developers to follow our lead,” he said.

To read the full report visit

<http://www.theszencorpbldg.com/PDFs/2009%20Szencorp%20Building%20Performance%20Report.pdf>

Tenants located in the Szencorp Building include Szencorp, Energy Conservation Systems, Closed Loop Recycling and The Banksia Environmental Foundation. Staff from these organisations are to be highly-praised for their commitment to supporting the systems that make the Szencorp Building an outstanding sustainable building.

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