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Mick McCormack Awarded Top Award by Industry's Peak Body

APA is pleased to announce that CEO and Managing Director, Mick McCormack, was today awarded the Australian Pipelines and Gas Association's (APGA) 2016 top industry award, for Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Pipeline Industry.

The award was presented to Mr McCormack at APGA's annual conference by APGA President, Shaun Reardon and recognised his strong contribution to nation-building, through his vision and leadership in developing a truly integrated pipeline industry across Australia.

APGA Chief Executive Cheryl Cartwright said, "The award is fitting recognition for a man who has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian pipeline industry over 32 years.

"Mick is a significant and long term supporter of APGA. He is a pragmatic leader and a significant mentor and supporter of many past and present personnel involved in the Australian gas and pipeline industries.

"Mick created and communicated the vision of the 'east coast gas grid' and first coined the phrase in the early 2000s – this is now a reality. His commitment to industry-led market development has been seen through his active pursuing of further market reform in the context of the recent AEMC and ACCC inquiries into the Australian gas market. Mick also put forward and promoted the idea of connecting the Northern Territory gas pipeline system to the east coast gas grid."

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