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### **Carbon plan and cave help quarry win environmental award**

A King Country quarry with a carbon management plan has won this year's award for environmental excellence from the quarrying industry.

McDonald's Lime Quarry at Oparure near Waitomo, the country's biggest producer, was given the MIMICO Award at the industry's annual conference in Auckland last weekend.

Former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Morgan Williams, said McDonald's made a point of considering the environment across its activities and this was good bottom line business sense.

Since 2004, McDonald's has been measuring its carbon emissions against each of the 750,000 tonnes of limestone it produces for agricultural and commercial use.

The 4 kg of carbon per tonne of limestone measures up well against international benchmarks and the company tracks carbon output on a month by month basis. A change from an existing loader to a new more fuel-efficient model was reducing fuel use by 27,000 litres per annum.

McDonald's quarry also has a water management plan that sees it recycling water for repeat use. It was also recognised for its approach to restoring those parts of the 67 ha site that had been quarried, with much of this returned to rolling farmland.

It has also rehabilitated the Masons Dry Cave since purchasing it in 2000 and turning it into the only wheelchair accessible glow worm cave in the country, attracting 11,000 visitors annually.

McDonald's Lime Quarry, 80 percent owned by Holcims, also took out the Winstone Aggregates Safety Award and the Quarrying and Mining magazine's Community and Social Sustainability award. Winstone Aggregates won the AQA Energy Efficiency Award.

Aggregate and Quarry Association president James Boyce said the awards were a further indication of the quarry industry's commitment to sustainability and being good employers, neighbours and citizens.

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