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Water tanks win Energy Globe Award

1. Purpose

To inform the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group that the 200 litre rainwater tank project has won the National Energy Globe Award, New Zealand.

2. Background

The 200 litre rainwater tanks is a joint project between the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO), local authorities and the rainwater tank manufacturer (The Tank Guy), to make rainwater tanks affordable. Rainwater tanks were identified as a way to help households increase their resilience should their water supply be affected in an emergency. By partnering with the local authorities and rainwater tank manufacturer, we have been able to make the tanks and kit available at the cost effective price of \$105.

To date, over 4,000 tanks have been sold in the region.

3. Energy Globe Awards

The Energy Globe Awards are a prestigious environmental award with over 161 participating countries. The award is presented annually to projects focusing on energy efficiency, renewable energies and the conservation of resources. The national Energy Globe Awards distinguish best applications from a country submitted for the international Energy Globe Awards.

In October 2013, WREMO submitted the 200 litre rainwater tank project to the Energy Globe and we are very proud to have been chosen as the National Winner for New Zealand.

The Energy Globe Jury evaluation states:

‘We are living in a world that requires a new thinking in regard to a responsible use of our natural resources, especially water which is our source of life. This year’s National Winner of the Energy Globe Award in New Zealand has developed a water storage system that makes drinking

water available in emergency situations, *yet at the same time raises awareness on the importance of possible other uses of rainwater instead of tap water. Congratulations for your achievements!*

A copy of the award is attached as **Attachment 1**. Further information on the Energy Globe awards can be found on their website at www.energyglobe.info/newzealand2014?cl=english

4. Hot off the press

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) recently announced that WREMO was to receive two Oceania and one global award for programmes promoting preparedness enablers and success in the social media arena.

A report on these will be prepared for the next CDEM Group meeting.

5. Recommendations

That the CDEM Group:

- 1. Receives the report; and*
- 2. Notes the receipt of the award.*

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Attachment 1: Energy Globe National Award 2014 for WREMO