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### NAPCO strengthens green credentials with 2004 Rabobank Agribusiness Award

The North Australian Pastoral Company (NAPCO) has taken out the **Australian Greenhouse Office Environmental and Energy Management Award** at the **2004 Rabobank Agribusiness Awards for Excellence** held in Melbourne on October 28.

NAPCO was chosen for its long term commitment to sustainable natural resource management, demonstrating

- A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, through fossil fuel savings of 30% at its feedlot and farm and the use of solar powered energy sources on remote cattle stations;
- Environmental initiatives, including ISO 14001 certification, Land for Wildlife registration, riparian fencing, artesian bore capping and piping, weed control and a long term monitoring program;
- Fostering greater community awareness of environmental issues, through strong links to regional and local natural resource management groups and communities and other planning processes;
- Development of markets and use for by-products and effluents, particularly the sale of feedlot manure; and
- A significant overall contribution to sustainability of Australian agribusiness.

The Award was presented by Dr David Ugalde, Manager, Greenhouse and Agriculture, with the Australian Greenhouse Office. On accepting the award, Delphine Bentley, Property and Environmental Planner with NAPCO, "acknowledged and thanked all NAPCO's employees, directors and shareholders for their outstanding commitment to environmental management over the last 127 years and no doubt for the next 127 and beyond."

Delphine also recognised the support provided by the Australian Federal Government, the Queensland State Government and the Northern Territory Government of many of NAPCO's environmental initiatives. Collaboration with regional catchment groups, local Landcare groups and industry organisations, such as Meat and Livestock Australia, have also contributed significantly to NAPCO's achievements.

NAPCO is one of Australia's largest and oldest privately owned cattle companies, commencing operations in 1877. The company manages fourteen properties in Queensland and the Northern Territory, covering an area in excess of 6.3 million ha. This property portfolio allows for a vertically integrated supply chain of high quality beef for both domestic and export markets, supplied by a herd of approximately 190 000 cattle.

NAPCO's long term success is directly attributable to its commitment to sustainable natural resource management in Australia's arid rangelands. NAPCO is extremely proud of its varied efforts and achievements in sustainable resource use and is committed to continuous improvement in environmental management.

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