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INAUGURAL FULHAM STAFF RECOGNISED WITH 15-YEAR AWARDS

Forty staff who have been employed at Fulham Correctional Centre since it opened have received 15-year long service awards at a special presentation at the centre today (Friday February 17).

Another 10 members of staff will receive similar awards later in the year.

Presenting the awards, The GEO Group Australia's managing director Pieter Bezuidenhout praised the long-serving staff for their continued support of the centre and congratulated them on a remarkable record.

"The Fulham Correctional Centre opened in 1997 with a staff of 200. For so many still to be with the centre reflects your dedication and work ethic," he said.

"You should be very proud of your numerous achievements.

"Certainly GEO is proud of the role we have played in supplying correctional services to the Victorian Government at Fulham over the past 15 years and delighted with the very strong relationship that we have with the local community."

Fulham Correctional Centre was recently selected as Victoria's most outstanding employer.

Fulham received the extremely prestigious Victorian Employer of the Year award in 2011 for the world-class courses and correctional practice training it develops and delivers to employees.

The specific training and support courses were designed by Fulham staff and approved by the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority and the National Correctional Services Industry Advisory Committee.

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About The GEO Group Australia

The GEO Group Australia is Australia's largest provider of outsourced correctional services. With 1500 employees, The GEO Group Australia provides safe and secure services to the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland governments through the management of correctional centres and the provision of primary health care services. GEO delivers critical public services that are cost effective and represent value for money for the taxpayer. With security and public safety as a priority, The GEO Group Australia intervenes with the 3500 offenders in our care to reduce reoffending and prevent the community becoming victims of crime. The GEO Group Australia is part of The GEO Group Inc, the world's largest international provider of outsourced correctional services, with over 80,000 offenders and 116 facilities under management across four continents. For further information please visit www.thegeogroupinc.com.au

About Fulham Correctional Centre

Fulham Correctional Centre is one of Victoria's largest correctional centres. Holding 845 prisoners, Fulham is primarily a sentenced facility, holding those serving their sentences and with a particular emphasis on progressing offender's sentence management plans by delivering activities and programs that address offending behaviours. Fulham includes the Nalu Challenge Community. Fulham has been managed by The GEO Group Australia since its opening in 1997. For further information please visit: www.justice.vic.gov.au/utility/home/