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**Peruvian Ministry of the Environment names Austral Group, subsidiary of Austevoll Seafood ASA (AUSS), winner in the National Contest of Responsible Management of Handling of Solid Residua and Cleanest, most Eco-efficient Production 2008.**

In order to promote appropriate environmental management, The Ministry of the Environment held the “Fourth National Contest of Responsible Management of Handling of Solid Residua and Cleanest, Most Eco-efficient Production - 2008”, directed at all public and private entities of Peru, including private and public companies along with local government entities.

After a rigorous evaluation of the contesting institutions by the qualifying jury, Austral Group won the Award for the Cleanest, Most Eco-efficient Production in the Large-Company category (categories divided by the gross yearly income and the number of employees), for their Environmental Management System Model successfully implemented in all their production plants. Companies from different productive sectors participated in the contest.

In the awards ceremony it was specially pointed out that Austral Group is the only fishing company in South America and one of the very few of the whole Americas which certifies their Integrated Environmental Management System in accordance with the requirements of the International Regulation on Environmental Management ISO 14001:2004. Such certification was initially obtained in 2005 and has been renewed during the last three years, due to the fulfilment of the goals and commitments established by the requirements.

Chairman Ole Rasmus Møgster of AUSS and the Austral Group comments: “This award is a recognition that makes us very proud, as it reflects the commitment of Austral in respect of Responsible Environmental Management and the joint work of all our employees in order to reduce the impact which can be generated on the environment by fishing and related production activities, along with the constant effort to improve the well-being of the communities where our plants are located. We sincerely congratulate our management and employees in Peru on their achievement.”

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