

MEDIA RELEASE: WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY & EXPORT AWARDS

Leading industry and export businesses have been announced at the Western Australian Industry & Export Awards, which were held at the Hyatt Regency, Perth last night (Thursday 26 October 2017).

Epichem has taken out the top prize of the evening – the Western Australian Exporter of the Year Award – as well as the Health and Biotechnology award. Established in 2003, Epichem is Australia's premiere contract drug discovery company, exporting products and services worldwide, and creating valuable intellectual property for clients, collaborators and shareholders. Epichem has made significant contributions to numerous new drugs in preclinical and clinical trials for a variety of diseases including cancer, HIV, HCV and Chagas. Epichem's innovative scientists have authored numerous scientific publications and been listed as inventors on patents.

Presenting the awards were the Honourable Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Premier of Western Australia, and the Honourable Samantha Rowe MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training.

Chief Executive Officer of the Export Council of Australia (ECA), Lisa McAuley said as a leading advocate for international trade, the ECA, in conjunction with the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, were honoured to manage this state-wide competition where nominees secure their reputation on the world stage.

Acknowledging exporters is vital in building awareness of new market opportunities available to business owners. We are seeing more and more new companies that are exporting their goods and services with excellent results and now is the time to focus on how we can help build on Western Australia's trade capabilities and encourage more companies to look at the global opportunities that are opening up,"

"These awards acknowledge the significant achievements that exporters have made to improving the State's economic activity and boosting jobs."

"Western Australia's businesses have the innovation, expertise and professionalism to take on international markets, and it is important that we recognise their hard work and determination to succeed."

"Whether small or large, these businesses prove that they have what it takes to succeed on an increasingly competitive world stage," Ms McAuley said.

Annually exporters make a significant contribution to the Western Australian economy, with goods exports worth \$121 billion in the last financial year according to the latest figures.

LIST OF WINNERS BY CATEGORY

CY O'Connor Award for Excellence in Engineering & Technology
Australian Mud Company (AMC)

Innovation Excellence Award

Vekta Automation

WA Emerging Exporter

AGRIFresh

WA Women in International Business

Health World Pharmaceuticals Australia

WA Defence Exporter

Austal

Agribusiness

Chaceon

Business Services

Linear Clinical Research

Creative Industries

Scitech

Digital Technologies

Robertson Technology

Education and Training

Stanley International College

Environmental Solutions

Blue Ocean Monitoring

Health and Biotechnology

Epichem

Manufacturing

Gelflex

Minerals, Energy & Related Services

Imdex

Regional Exporter

Fewster's Farm Honey

Small Business

Kwik-Zip Spacers

WA Exporter of the Year

Epichem

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