



PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE MEDIA STATEMENT

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Leading engineering firm takes out WA Industry and Export Awards.

A Perth-based engineering firm with more than 200 major design and construction projects in over 33 countries has won this year's major prize at the WA Industry and Export Awards.

Premier Alan Carpenter awarded GRD Minproc Limited the Premier's Award for Excellence at the official awards ceremony held at the Hyatt Hotel last night.

"GRD Minproc Limited is a great example of an innovative local company successfully contributing to Western Australia's economy," Mr Carpenter said.

"The company has shown an outstanding ability to seek new markets, not only within Australia, but internationally."

With its head office in Perth, GRD Minproc Limited has undertaken projects across Australia, including Queensland, and worldwide in places such as Africa and Brazil.

Specialising in the design, procurement and construction of mineral resource and waste-to-resources projects, the company also won the the C.Y.O'Connor Award for Excellence in Engineering.

The awards, now in their 19th year, are firmly established as the State's most prestigious business awards.

The Premier said the awards provided an opportunity to promote the success of WA companies both at home and overseas.

“The awards are a great opportunity to showcase local companies opening their doors to new markets,” he said.

“They also reflect the importance of exports to the economic development of WA, particularly as WA accounts for 36 per cent of the nation’s total export earnings.”

The WA Industry and Export Awards feature 15 categories, as well as the Premier’s Award for Excellence.

All the State’s export category winners automatically compete as finalists in the Australian Export Awards to be held in Brisbane in November.

The 2007 awards, administered by the Department of Industry and Resources, are sponsored by Austal, ANZ, Austrade, Australia Post, Fremantle Ports, Jackson McDonald, Rio Tinto Iron Ore and The West Australian newspaper.

The winners are:

Premier’s Award for Excellence - GRD Minproc Limited

A globally diverse company, GRD Minproc has extensive experience in nickel, uranium, copper and resources recovery from waste. The company is building a reputation for delivering smart, high value outcomes for clients.

Industry Awards

- **C.Y.O’Connor for Excellence in Engineering - GRD Minproc Limited**

- **Marketing and Design Excellence Award - Gold Corporation**

The historic Perth Mint, operated by Gold Corporation, is dedicated to adding value to Australia’s precious metals before export and generating consumer interest in, and demand for, precious metals.

- **Innovation Excellence Award - Custom Vis**

Custom Vis develops and manufactures laser systems for refractive surgery of the eye.

It is currently the only company in the world marketing a solid state laser to perform this surgery.

- **Special Commendation - Smart Burn Pty Ltd**

Smart Burn Pty Ltd is focussed on protecting the Australian atmosphere by reducing smoke haze and particulate emissions from domestic wood heaters.

Export Categories

- **Emerging Exporter Award - Custom Vis**

- **Small Business Export Award - MetroCount**

Microcom Pty Ltd, trading as MetroCount, is the world leader in design and manufacture of portable traffic monitoring equipment and software.

- **Small to Medium Manufacturer Export Award - Divex Asia Pacific Pty Ltd**

Divex Asia Pacific is recognised throughout the Asia Pacific region as being a reliable source for the highest quality, safest and most up-to-date underwater technology in the military and commercial sectors.

- **Large Advanced Manufacturer Export Award - Gold Corporation**

- **Information and Communication Technology Export Award - Craig Mostyn Group**

After more than 80 years in business, the Craig Mostyn Group is a successful and diversified food, agribusiness and logistics company serving customers and suppliers in over 60 countries.

- **Services Export Award - ThinkSmart Limited**

ThinkSmart is a leading international financial services company focussed on the delivery of B2B finance products through the retail environment.

- **Minerals and Energy Export Award - GMA Garnet Pty Ltd**

Over the past 15 years, GMA Garnet Pty Ltd has developed a global market for its product in the sand-blast and high pressure water jet cutting applications. GMA Garnet is the worldwide market leader for industrial garnet abrasives.

- **Education Export Award - Risktec Australasia**

Incident and emergency response professionals Risktec Australasia has continued to expand, with the company now recognised as the premium global supplier of emergency management training during 2006-07 in the oil and gas sector.

- **Hall of Fame - Rio Tinto Iron Ore and Risktec Australasia**

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