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## **TECH COMPANY TAKES OUT 21<sup>st</sup> NORTHERN TERRITORY EXPORTER OF THE YEAR**

The local business community celebrated 21 years of exporting excellence at the Chief Ministers 2014 Northern Territory Export and Industry Awards Presentation ceremony held at the Schweppes Pavilion on Thursday 16 October 2014. Tim Fischer, the former Deputy Prime Minister, regaled the audience with several stories about the importance of NT exports in the growth of Northern Australia and his role in the development of the Alice to Darwin railway. The audience also heard from first time winner, Sakib Awan, who has now established several business concerns in East Timor.

The premier award winner for the night was SRA Technology. The company's "Envirosys" environmental monitoring system is used by large mining, oil and gas and government organizations in North America, Asia, Africa and Oceania. SRA has international offices in Singapore and the USA (Houston), and has project and business development teams located in the USA, Canada, UK, South Africa and Singapore. They will go forward to the national awards as the Territory's Environmental Solutions Exporter of the year, along with local winners in 5 export categories.

The evening saw awards presented to the cream of the NT Exporting Industry. OM Manganese from Tennant Creek took out the Minerals and Energy Category. International education providers were also prominent, with Charles Darwin University and private training college ICAE taking out two categories. Monsoon Aquatics took out the Agribusiness Award for building their overseas market for Northern Territory wild collected

aquarium corals and fish. Shamrock Chemicals won the a judge’s commendation for the Manufacturing Export Award. Shamrock have been manufacturing and exporting biodegradable commercial and industrial cleaning solutions in the NT since 1989. Security and Technology Services were recognised as the Emerging Exporter for 2014. STS provides unique security systems to clients in East Timor and Papua New Guinea, building on their strong national business.

In Territory specific awards, MMC Australia picked up the Mining Supply and Service Award, Northern Cement were recognised for their recent investment in bagging automation as the Manufacturer of the Year and ICAE student Geraldine Sotto won the International Business Student award.

170 guests witnessed the awards ceremony conducted by the International Business Council of the Chamber of Commerce NT, with the Chief Minister, The Honourable Adam Giles as guest of honour.

International Business Council Chairman Sean Mahoney congratulated the winners and applauded the high standard of entries in this year’s event. “The Chief Ministers 2014 Northern Territory Export and Industry awards are the Northern Territory’s most prestigious Export awards and tonight we have seen many outstanding Northern Territory companies recognised for their exceptional contribution to Export and Industry in the Northern Territory.” He added “the businesses have continued to succeed in a tough export economy, with the high Australian dollar and increased competition in a slowing world economy presenting significant challenges which these companies have been able to overcome ”.

The following NT awards category winners will go on to represent the Northern Territory at the 52nd National Export Awards in Sydney in late November.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>SOUTHERN CROSS TELEVISION EXPORTER OF THE YEAR AWARD</b>	<b>SRA Information Technology</b>

<b>DARWIN PORT CORPORATION MINERALS &amp; RELATED SERVICES EXPORT AWARD</b>	<b>OM Manganese</b>
<b>AUSTRADE AGRIBUSINESS AWARD</b>	<b>Monsoon Aquatics</b>
<b>EFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>SRA Information Technology</b>
<b>DEPT INDUSTRY EMERGING EXPORTER AWARD</b>	<b>Security &amp; Technology Services</b>
<b>TERRITORY FM SMALL BUSINESS AWARD</b>	<b>International College of Advanced Education</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING AWARD</b>	<b>Charles Darwin University</b>
<b>NT Manufacturers Council MANUFACTURING EXPORT AWARD</b>	<b>Shamrock Chemicals (commendation)</b>

Three additional special awards were also presented for outstanding achievement in manufacturing and business.

<b>ICN NT MANUFACTURERS INDUSTRY AWARD</b>	<b>Northern Cement</b>
<b>DEPT. CHIEF MINISTER MINING SUPPLY AND SERVICE AWARD</b>	<b>MMC Australia Combined Communication Solutions (commendation)</b>
<b>ACPET INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>Geraldine Sotto Dhan Kumar Malla (commendation)</b>

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