

## MEDIA RELEASE: PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND'S EXPORT AWARDS 2018

### Outstanding businesses win export awards

Sixteen Queensland businesses have been recognised and celebrated for their outstanding success and contribution to the state's trade output at the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards which were held at the Hilton Brisbane last night (Thursday 11 October 2018).

Announcing the winners Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk paid tribute to all the businesses that had made it into the finals.

Tritium received the top prize of the evening – the Premier of Queensland's Exporter of the Year Award – as well as the Manufacturing award, for their design and manufacture of DC fast-charging solutions for electric vehicles

Chief Executive Officer of the Export Council of Australia (ECA) Alina Bain said as a leading advocate for international trade, the ECA, in conjunction with Trade and Investment Queensland, 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. These awards acknowledge the significant achievements that exporters have made to improving the State's economic activity and boosting jobs.

“Queensland'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 they are small or large, these businesses prove that they have what it takes to succeed on an increasingly competitive world stage.”

#### **National categories:**

- **Agribusiness winner:** Mort & Co (Toowoomba) - feedlot and beef processing business
- **Minerals and Energy winner:** Core Resources (Brisbane) – an environmentally friendly mineral processing company with solutions for the mining industry
- **Creative Industries winner:** Cutting Edge (Brisbane) – a creative agency delivering sound, picture post production and video effects
- **Education and Training winner:** University of Queensland (Brisbane) – one of Australia's leading comprehensive and research-intensive universities
- **Environmental Solutions winner:** Phibion (Brisbane) – specialist dewatering technology for mineral processing and land reclamation
- **E-Commerce winner:** Grace Loves Lace (Gold Coast) – supplier of unique, luxury, wearable and accessible wedding dresses
- **Digital Technologies winner:** AKIPS (Brisbane) – a network monitoring software business
- **Manufacturing winner:** Tritium (Brisbane) – fast charging solutions for electric vehicles
- **Health and Biotechnology winner:** Cook Medical (Brisbane) – manufacturer of medical devices for use in IVT procedures and for the treatment of aortic aneurysms
- **Business Services winner:** AssetOn Group (Brisbane) – develops data on vehicle maintenance primarily for the mining industry

- **Small Business winner:** Typefi (Sunshine Coast) – single-source automated publishing software that helps people around the world publish their content faster in many formats.
- **Regional Exporter winner:** Opmantek (Gold Coast) – IT infrastructure management and audit software
- **Emerging winner:** Tooletries (Brisbane) – instant storage and organisation solutions for everyday living, including toothbrush and razor holders

#### **Queensland categories**

- **Innovation winner:** Digga Australia (Gold Coast) – manufacturer and earthmoving machinery attachments and mini loaders for the earthmoving and construction industry
- **Women in International Business winner:** Hoodlum (Brisbane) – feature film and television drama producer
- **Defence winner:** L3 Micreo (Brisbane) – design and production of leading-edge radio frequency and photonic components for radar subsystems
- **Premier of Queensland's Exporter of the Year winner:** Tritium