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Will Hodgman, Premier and Minister for Trade

CBG Systems named Tasmanian Exporter of the Year for the second time

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CBG Systems was tonight named the 2018 Tasmanian Exporter of the Year at a gala event held at Government House Hobart celebrating the 25th anniversary of the awards.

This is the second time in three years that CBG has taken out the top award.

This annual event is the state's highest recognition of excellence for our local exporters.

CBG Systems was established over 30 years ago in Hobart and over the years has grown from a small conventional marine insulations contractor into an advanced manufacturing company that uses technological and scientific innovation to create highly value added products.

In the last three years the company acquired the rights to manufacture Moonraker Antenna Systems and Solar Sigma Shield camouflage system, diversifying its product range significantly.

This financial year has seen CBG Systems secure several major international projects with shipowners and shipyards in Greece, Italy, Denmark, Spain and the USA, increasing their exports significantly.

The Tasmanian Export Awards recognise the success achieved by Tasmanian exporters, raise awareness of the vital contribution of exports to the State's economy and provide a catalyst for companies to reach even higher levels of excellence.

All Category Winners of the 2018 Tasmanian Export Awards now progress to the 2018 Australian Export Awards presentation in Canberra on 27 November 2018.

The 2018 Tasmanian Export Awards is an initiative of the Tasmanian Government's Department of State Growth, in partnership with our sponsors Austrade, TasPorts, DFAT, Export Finance and Insurance Corporation, ANZ, Australia Post, Australian Border Force

and the Port of Melbourne.

**Further information on the 2018 Tasmanian Exporter of the Year, CBG Systems, follows.*

***The full list of 2018 Tasmanian Export Award winners follows.*

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About CBG Systems

CBG Systems was established in 1978 as a provider of marine insulation systems.

CBG Systems is currently a global leader in the manufacture and supply of state-of-the-art marine fire retardant panellised systems, camouflage systems for defence assets and high-end antenna systems with defence applications.

Whilst the company maintains its Tasmanian base of operations, its global sales footprint is supported by a highly specialised team of employees who are deployed around the world to install and maintain the company's systems in vessels for the global fleet.

In the last three years CBG Systems has increased its exports by thirty eight percent so supply customer demand in countries such as Germany, USA, UK, France, Italy, Spain and Denmark.

CBG Systems' products have been tested and approved in accordance with some of the world's most stringent standards and criteria including the European marine Equipment Directive, United State Coast Guard and other specific navy standards.

CBG's unique insulations systems offer weight savings, ease of installation and superior fire integrity. These advantages translate into improved shipbuilding efficiencies, improved vessel operation and reduced fuel consumption, while offering superior passenger safety.

CBG's camouflage systems act to dramatically reduce infrared temperature imprints, and are used worldwide in defence applications in order to better protect troops and infrastructure assets from targeted attacks.

CBG's Moonraker antenna systems are installed in some of the most powerful navy vessels around the world, assisting and enabling communication and logistics among friendly nations. Moonraker antennas are also broadly installed on commercial navy ships and for civil infrastructure applications such as airports.

For further information: www.cbgsystems.com.au

2018 Tasmanian Export Award Winners

The Minister's 2018 Tasmanian Exporter of the Year Award

The overall Exporter of the Year selected from the Category Winners.

Winner: CBG Systems

DFAT Small Business Award

For outstanding international success by any business with total annual sales not exceeding \$5million.

Winner: Wigston's Lures

Port of Melbourne Agribusiness Award

For outstanding international success in the field of agricultural products, services or technology including processed foods and beverages and the forestry, fisheries and fibres industries.

Winner: Josef Chromy Wines

Australia Post Digital Technologies Award

Recognising outstanding international success in the field of information and communication products, technology or services that are connected with storage, retrieval, manipulation, transmission or receipt of digital data including software and games.

Winner: Echoview Software

Austrade E-Commerce Award

For outstanding success by an Australian business in selling goods or services to customers overseas via an electronic network.

Winner: Scoot Boots

TasPorts Environmental Solutions Award

For outstanding international success in environmental solutions, clean energy innovation, materials and energy efficiency, waste and water management, green buildings and R&D collaboration.

Winner: Biofouling Solutions

EFIC Health and Biotechnology Award

For outstanding international success in medical, healthcare, biotechnology fields for products, technology, equipment or services.

Winner: Wicking Dementia Research & Education Centre, University of Tasmania

ANZ Manufacturing Award

For outstanding international success by a manufacturer.

Winner: CBG Systems

Australian Border Force Regional Exporter Award

Recognising outstanding international success by a business whose head office is based in a non-metropolitan location.

Winner: Blue Hills Honey

Two new awards presented for the 25th Anniversary:

Tasmanian Women in International Business Award 2018

Winner: Nicola Charles, Blue Hills Honey

25th Anniversary Award for contribution to the Tasmanian Export Community.

Winner: Incat Tasmania

