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ACCI CONGRATULATES AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AWARDS WINNERS

Statement by Mr Peter Anderson, Chief Executive

The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australia's largest and most representative business organisation and co-partner with Austrade in the Australian Export Awards, has warmly congratulated the winners of the 2009 Australian Export Awards.

The 47th Awards ceremony was held tonight at Parliament House Canberra hosted by the Federal Minister for Trade, the Hon Simon Crean MP.

ACCI has co-partnered the Australian Export Awards with Austrade since 1963, and was again a member of the 2009 Awards judging panel.

The awards recognise outstanding businesses that export quality Australian products and services to the world, establish Australia's trade reputation and build our commercial success.

"The Awards are national and cover all sectors of the economy. Tonight's finalists from eight State and Territory Awards in 12 categories of exporters demonstrate unwavering commitment, dedication and willingness to innovate in order to achieve exporting success."

"These impressive businesses will help Australia kick off 2010 with a bang, supporting employment, opening up new overseas markets and promoting our country all over the world."

ACCI looks forward to continuing our involvement for many years to come.

The twelve national Australian Export Award winners are:

- **Capilano Honey, Queensland** - Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Agribusiness Award
- **Firemint, Victoria** - Australia Post Arts and Entertainment Award
- **Australian Skills Training, Northern Territory** - CPA Australia Education and Training Award
- **Levett Engineering, South Australia** - Enterprise Connect Emerging Exporter Award
- **SMARTS Group, New South Wales** - Ernst & Young Information and Communication Technology Award
- **NOJA Power Switchgear, Queensland** - Australian Made Campaign Limited Large Advanced Manufacturer Award
- **Servcorp, New South Wales** - Austrade Large Services Award
- **Wesfarmers Curragh, Queensland** - Minerals Council of Australia Minerals and Energy Award
- **Autech Software & Design** - Tradestart Regional Exporter Award

ACCI represents over 350,000 businesses in every State and Territory and all industries. Our network employs around 4 million employees, ranging from the top 100 companies to tens of thousands of small and medium businesses.

- **Alice Springs Helicopters, Northern Territory** - Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Small Business Award
- **aussieBum, New South Wales** - Commonwealth Bank Small to Medium Manufacturer Award
- **Pivot Maritime International, Tasmania** - Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Small to Medium Services Award

NOJA Power Switchgear of Queensland was selected as the Prime Minister's Australian Exporter of the Year.

Russell Mineral Equipment was also inducted into the Australian Export Awards Hall of Fame

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