

Australian company wins Dame Awards at METS

The 17th Design Awards METS (DAME) competition attracted a total of 138 products from 107 companies. A shortlist of 34 products was drawn up and from these the jury selected the overall winner, five outright category winners and gave 11 special mentions. Australian company EVRsafe Marine Technologies won the Life Saving and Safety category.

EVRsafe Marine Technologies took out the award for its EvrSafe 1040, an integrated multi-toxic gas sensory device. The unit can simultaneously detect multi-gases such as carbon monoxide, butane, LPG, nitrogen-oxide and hydrocarbons. It followed another innovation win by the company at IBEX in October within the OEM Electronics and Electrical systems category.

"We're delighted to have our Australian design recognised at such a prestigious international event," said EVRsafe's Shane Faulkhead.

EVRsafe joins 30 Australian marine companies at METS 2007 led by AIMEX, the peak industry group representing Australian marine exporters. This represents an increase on last year of 30 per cent. Austrade hosted a briefing and cocktail function for exhibitors for the first time which drew a capacity crowd. The Australian contingent includes a range of first-time Australian exhibitors at the event including Outboard Covers Australia, PowerDive, MultiPanel, Marine Sanitation Pty Ltd, Gravity International, EVRsafe Marine Technologies and Ber Glass International.

Other Australians in the AIMEX contingent include Aeronaught Automation, Burke Marine, Coursemaster Autopilots and Hydrive Engineering, Donaghys, Dynamic Products, GME, Gold Coast City Council, Marina Protection Systems, Muir Windlasses, Poly Flex Group, Ronstan, Seahawk Australia Pty Ltd, Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show, Sea Pro Marine Pty Ltd, TMQ International, VEEM Propellers and Zhik. In addition, a number of Australian companies attended the event to look for future marketing opportunities. These include Neil Bate of Riggtech, George Rehua of Reelax Enterprises, Peter Patroni of Kinetic Technology, Axel Berg of All Yacht Spars and Ross Cameron of P & W Marine Engineers.

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Riviera and Azzura enter labour sharing agreement at Gold Coast Marine Precinct

Australia's leading luxury boatbuilder, Riviera, has expanded its operations in an agreement with custom boatbuilder Azzura Marine. The two companies have signed a three-year agreement under which Riviera will have exclusive access to Azzura's labour force, facility and infrastructure in the Gold Coast Marine Precinct, initially to build the company's new Riviera 70 Enclosed Flybridge and continue development of the growing range of Riviera models. Riviera CEO Wes Moxey said, "We have experienced strong demand for new products both in Australia and in our overseas markets. The company is undertaking an expansion program but we do not want to rush. Our new flagship Riviera 70 is a major project and needs the resources and expertise that Azzura Marine offers. We have always had a very close relationship with Azzura Marine and this new arrangement will assist both of us to grow our businesses."

Azzura Marine Chairman Iain Murray said: "We are delighted to be able to work more closely with Riviera. We have been involved with Riviera on a number of development projects in the past, including early development of the Riviera 70, so we are familiar with what customers expect from their products. The timing of this venture works well with Azzura Marine's long-term goals. It allows us to focus on other areas of our business including continued construction of production and custom sailing and motor yachts at our Nowra facility and our expansion into superyachts in Newcastle early in 2008."

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Azzura Marine chairman Iain Murray (left) and Riviera CEO Wes Moxey



ISS-1040 retail unit with optional extra sensor.

ABOVE: EVRsafe's DAME Award-winning sensor

LEFT: AIMEX has a new logo