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AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION NEW ENERGY & SMART CITIES WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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Key Highlights:

- The ATC16 Cleantech Winners have been announced in Melbourne last night.
- Reducing air-conditioner energy use by 40% and enabling energy management through an internet-of-things (IoT) solution. Winners move to National Finals in Sydney.

Two high-tech Australian companies with global potential won their award categories in the Australian Technologies Competition (ATC) after battling it out in front of the judges in Melbourne yesterday. The companies pitched and then fielded judges' questions in front of an audience at the All Energy Conference as they competed for the New Energy and Smart Cities Awards.

New Energy Award Winner 2016 – Wattwatchers

Sydney-based Wattwatchers has developed the ultra-compact Auditor series of internet appliances for energy that deliver accurate, real-time energy management over the internet independent of billing meters and equipment monitoring systems.

Smart Cities Award Winner 2016 – Independent Products

Melbourne-based Independent Products' uses the waste-water created by air conditioners to improve energy efficiency by up to 40%. It can be retrofitted to most of the world's split system air conditioning and refrigeration units.

Both Winners feature world-leading Australian inventions combined with strong commercial acumen and international expansion strategies that persuaded the judges that they had the greatest 'global potential'.

Now in its sixth year, the ATC provides extensive mentoring and Business Plan assessment for its Semi Finalists companies. With a focus on building global success stories, the eminent panel of judges is looking for not only the best technologies but also the best managers and the best business plans.

These Winners go on to compete in the national finals in Sydney on 2 November against technologies from other sectors. The day will feature the unique ATC Investor Connect speed-dating, 'Dragon's Den' style 'Fast Pitching' and the Gala Awards Dinner at which the prestigious Australian Technology Company of the Year will be announced.

The Judges' comments on the Winners were:

Wattwatchers – *'A well develop solution for which there is a clear market need. The company provides data and control to its users in a sophisticated and accessible way. The global strategy is credible and it will be exciting to watch the company's growth.'*

Independent Products – *'A simple, ingenious technology that is proven as a viable retrofit solution. The global market is significant and the company has developed a strong strategy to work with global channel partners.'*

Supporters and partners for the 2016 program include the Australian Government's Industry Growth Centres, the NSW Department of Industry, National Energy and Resources Australia (NERA) and industry associations including AustMine, AusBiotech, AMTIL and the Facilities Management Association. In addition, export opportunities are provided through the support of UK Department for International Trade and the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council.

Further information and Event Details at www.austechcomp.com

Australian Technologies Showcase, Sydney, 2nd November

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FINALIST DESCRIPTIONS

Finalist		State	Description
NEW ENERGY AWARD			
WINNER	Wattwatchers	NSW	Wattwatchers has developed the ultra-compact Auditor series of internet appliances for energy that deliver accurate, real-time energy management over the internet independently of regulated billing meters and equipment manufacturers' monitoring systems.
RUNNER-UP	MAKO Turbines	NSW	MAKO Turbines' tidal technology has been designed to produce predictable/baseload renewable electricity from free-flowing water in tides, rivers, canals, inter-island channels or tailraces of hydro dams around the world.
THIRD	SunSHIFT	NSW	SunSHIFT is a pre-engineered, pre-fabricated, moveable turnkey solar-PV solution specifically designed to overcome the limitations of traditional solar-PV and enable new users, such as miners, to adopt alternative energy.
SMART CITIES AWARD			
WINNER	Independent Products	VIC	Independent Products' uses the waste-water created by air conditioners to improve energy efficiency by up to 40% and can be retrofitted to most of the world's split system air conditioning and refrigeration units.
RUNNER-UP	StabilCo	NSW	StabilCo's MatrixMaterials provide an innovative roadbase-and-rail infrastructure solution from waste by capitalising on scientifically designed and engineered material properties to deliver improved performance and cost benefits to both infrastructure owners and the environment.
THIRD	Airtopia	VIC	Airtopia is an air conditioning controller that integrates seamlessly with any IR (infra-red) controlled split systems allowing Building Management Systems to fully mimic the original remote control and transforming the process of air conditioning automation.

ATC16 FINALISTS IN OTHER AWARD CATEGORIES

AWARD	FINALISTS	AWARD	FINALISTS
Advanced Manufacturing	Advanced Fertigation Systems	Food & Agribusiness	Advanced Fertigation Systems
	Conflux Technology		Aglive
	Cortical Dynamics		Greenland Systems
Cyber Security	CryptoPhoto	Medtech & Pharma	Cortical Dynamics
	Secure Code Warrior		Imunexus
			Vectus Biosystems
Energy Resources	Long Pipes	Mining Technology	Core Resources
	SCT Operations		Heat Trap Solar
	Stochastic Simulation		SCT Operations

Full details of all Finalists at www.austechcomp.com