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SKILLED Safety Goes Platinum

SKILLED Group Limited won the **Platinum Award** for its ongoing commitment of improvement to safety in both their system and skill areas at the **2007 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards**, presented by the Hon. Michelle Roberts, Minister for Resources.

To receive this new award a company needs to have achieved 5 years of consecutive Gold Awards. SKILLED is the only organisation to have achieved this level of commitment to safety in the 2007 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards.

Kim Stewart, Group Manager OHS West – SKILLED Group Limited said, “Recognition by IFAP of SKILLED WA's commitment to safety is testimony to the strong emphasis we place on health and safety in the workplace.

Safety is our number one value and we are proud of our safety culture which is reflected in our industry leading safety performance.

It's not about the words but the actions and receiving this award is recognition that SKILLED is serious about safety.”

55 Western Australian organisations, representing over 150 individual work units received awards for their safety achievements at the 2007 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards.

The awards encourage WA organisations to participate by maintaining safe work practices and implementing and continuing to improve safety management systems within the organisation.

CGU State Manager, Mr Garry Moore, said that safer workplaces delivered better productivity and higher profitability for businesses.

“We encourage all businesses to look at entering these awards, as they bring focus on to safety that will help reduce workplace injury in WA,” he said.

Businesses operating anywhere in WA can nominate for the awards.



The Hon. Michelle Roberts, Minister for Employment Protection presents SKILLED Group Limited's Safety Manager, Mr Kim Stewart with a Platinum Safe Way Award.

The awards recognise businesses that deliver a safer working environment for their employees through lower workplace injuries or better safety systems.

IFAP's Managing Director, Martin Ralph, said "The awards are an excellent way to acknowledge businesses which are prioritising safety in their organisation. Each year we see many more organisations excel in safety in the workplace."

The 37 organisations that received a Gold Safe Way Achiever Award at this year's SKILLED Gala Dinner were:

Ausclad Group of Companies Limited	BlueScope Steel - WA Service Centre
Boom Logistics Limited	CBI Constructors Pty Ltd
Civilian Maimed & Limbless Association of WA (Inc)	Complete Power Solutions Pty Ltd
Crushing Services International	Department of Industry and Resources
Dynea Australia Pty Ltd	E.P.M Pty Ltd
Gemco Rail Pty Ltd	Geographe Energy
HWE Mining Pty Ltd	J P Kenny Pty Ltd
Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd	Macmahon Pty Ltd
M-I SWACO	Modern Industries
Paraplegic-Quadriplegic Association of WA (Inc)	PIHA
Premium Casing Services Pty Ltd	Process Minerals International
PSN Water	Quadriplegic Centre
Savcor Finn Pty Ltd	SKILLED Group Limited
StaffLink Pty Ltd	Sunset Coast Water
Technip Oceania Pty Ltd	Teekay Offshore (Australia)
Tidewater Marine Australia	Toll Energy Logistics Pty Ltd
Total Marine Technology Pty Ltd	Transfield Services - Defence
Tyco Water	Weatherford Australia Pty Ltd
Wiltrading (WA) Pty Ltd	

11 more organisations than last year received Gold Awards, demonstrating the very highest level of commitment to safety through their safety management systems.

IFAP has a long history of making an important contribution to occupational safety and health in WA. Operating as a leading provider of OSH training and consulting services for 35 years. IFAP's Safe Way Awards program was established to enhance awareness of and encourage greater attention to safe work practices. It aims to involve employees at all levels of an organisation who set their own group targets and then work to achieve them.

Now in their 29th year, the Safe Way Awards, coordinated by IFAP and sponsored by CGU, are the only WA-based safety awards scheme designed to enable organisations to set their own safety targets. CGU have confirmed sponsorship of the awards for the next two years.

Entries will open for the **2008 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards** next month. Entries are open to any organisation and enquiries can be made to IFAP on **9430 6611**.

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