

Matrix tops gongs in WA Awards

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Matrix Composites and Engineering last night took out the top honour at the WA Industry and Export Awards.

Matrix received the Premier's Award for Excellence, which recognises the best overall performer from 15 category winners. Founded by the Begley family and floated on the Australian Securities Exchange less than a year ago, the group manufactures subsea buoyancy systems for the offshore oil and gas industry.

Commerce and Science and Innovation Minister Bill Marmion said Matrix had established a solid reputation as a leading manufacturer of engineered products.

The Perth Mint took out the Marketing and Design Excellence Award for the fifth time in six years — securing a place in the WA industry and Export Awards' Hall of Fame.

Other winners were: Imaging the South (CY O'Connor Award, for excellence in engineering), Dampier Salt (Minerals and Energy Export Award), honey producer Wescobee (Agribusiness Export Award), Western Mineral Fertilisers (Innovation Excellence Award), Silver Trowel Trade Training (Emerging Exporter), Epicchem Pty Ltd (Small Business Export Award), MineARC Systems (Small to Medium Manufacturer Export Award), Matrix Composites and Engineering (Large Advanced Manufacturer Export Award), Micromine (Information and Communication Technology Export Award), Silverise Pty Ltd (Services Export Award) and Navitas (Education and Training Export Award).