

# Miners outshine at awards

THE mining industry scooped the pool at the Western Australian Industry and Export Awards last week

Malaga-based Matrix Composites and Engineering won the Premier's award for excellence and the large advanced manufacturer export award.

The awards showcase the achievements of WA business and recognise the valuable contribution it makes to the State's economy.

Commerce, Science and Innovation Minister Bill Marmion said Matrix had established a solid reputation nationally and internationally as a leading manufacturer of engineered products for the subsea oil and gas, mining and defence industries.

"The oil and gas industry is vital to the growth of WA's economy and companies such as Matrix play an important role in the development of this sector," Mr Marmion said.

Refuge chamber manufacturer MineARC Systems won the Small to

medium manufacturer export award and the information and communication technology export award went to Micro-mine.

The services export award was won by raise bore drilling consumable manufacturer Silverise and the minerals and energy export award went to Dampier Salt.

Alcoa of Australia was awarded a special commendation.

Other commendations went to Reflex Instruments, which supplies survey and core orientation instruments and Mine-max which specialises in mine planning and scheduling solutions.

The Perth Mint was inducted into the Hall of Fame for winning the marketing and design excellence award in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010.

Minister Marmion congratulated all of the other award winners for their achievements and significant contribution to the State's economy.

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