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CEA Technologies President awarded 2009/10 Australian Export Hero Award

CEA Technologies President David Gaul has been recognised by the Australian Institute of Export (AIEX) as a national champion of Australia's export community, receiving the prestigious 2009/10 Australian Export Hero Award.

"Canberra Business Council nominated Mr Gaul for the Australian Export Hero Award which recognises individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to building Australia's position and performance in international trade" says Chris Faulks, CEO, Canberra Business Council.

David, together with his business partner Ian Croser, built CEA Technologies from a small two-person consultancy in 1983 into a company which employs over 260 staff, turning over in excess of \$50 million per annum.

The Council was thrilled to hear that David's nomination had been successful. David is represented on several management boards and continues to work tirelessly behind the scenes to support ACT and surrounding region business growth and to encourage the exploration of international markets" Chris Faulks said.

David joins the likes of Wolf Blass AM, Ambassador for Wolf Blass Wines International, John Conomos AO, former Executive Chairman of Toyota Australia and Peter Beattie, Queensland's Trade Commissioner to the Americas, becoming only the third Export Hero from the ACT. The other ACT Export Heroes are the Hon Tim Fischer in 2001 and Canberra's own Brand Hoff, founder of Tower Software in 2006.

David single-handedly drove CEA Technologies export business right from the company's inception in 1983 and was entirely instrumental in setting up CEA Technologies Inc, CEA Technologies' US presence.

But beyond CEA, David became the first President of the ACT Exporters' Network in 2003. "He was extremely active in this role, constantly meeting with business and government representatives to further the export goals of ACT and surrounding region exporters across all industry sectors and at varying levels of export capabilities" says Brooke Anderson, Manager, ACT Exporters' Network.

David continues to play a pivotal role in developing an export culture within CEA Technologies, local start up businesses and in the Territory generally. David's experience has been invaluable in guiding companies like Seeing Machines through the global product development stage.

The Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC and His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce AM AE will present David Gaul and five other individuals with the 2009/2010 Australian Export Hero Award at an Induction Ceremony at Government House at 5pm on 30 April 2010.

For more information on the Australian Export Heroes Award or the 2010 ACT Chief Minister's Export Awards please contact Brooke Anderson on 0400 090 452 or at brooke.anderson@canberrabusinesscouncil.com.au

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