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## **ROBORIGGER IMPRESSES AND TAKES HOME THREE AWARDS AT WA INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR 2019**

**In an historic first in the WA Innovator of the Year's 13-year programme, three prizes were awarded to a single innovation this year. Roborigger impressed the judges with its universal potential to improve safety and efficiency in lifting for the construction, oil and gas, and mining industries.**

Roborigger, a wireless load controlling device for crane lifting operations, won the Woodside Oil and Gas award, the South32 Technology and Innovation in mining award and the Business News 'Great for the State' award.

Roborigger founder and inventor, Derick Markwell, said his team were thrilled to receive these three awards.

"We believe this recognition is a strong industry validation of Roborigger's groundbreaking potential to improve crane lifting safety and efficiency in the construction, mining and oil and gas industries."

Markwell said the Roborigger technology is now commercialised, with a production facility established in Wangara and Roborigger units in operation across numerous sites in Australia.

"We are confident that Roborigger can do the job that it is designed to do. The awards from the WA Innovator of the Year are a terrific recognition to boost our next step in developing the export market in Europe, North America, Japan and the Middle East where we have customers already committed to trialling Roborigger."

A larger 20 tonne unit is being commissioned and ready for use by Woodside and the team also recently delivered a unit to an offshore pipeline coating facility in Indonesia where the company is seeking to automate its handling processes.

The prestigious WA Innovator of the Year award has been an initiative of WA government under the New Industries Fund since 2006 to showcase innovative and entrepreneurial individuals and businesses.

### **About Roborigger:**

Roborigger is an automated lifting device for crane lifting operations which accurately rotates and holds loads in a specific orientation regardless of wind so that personnel no longer need to be in a position where they can be injured by lifted loads. No taglines are needed as load positioning is done using a wireless remote control. This is a game changer for lifting safety.



Using internet of things (IoT) connectivity, Roborigger collects data on every lift including location, weight, time, date and image of load to a cloud-based customer platform. This can be used by companies to track all loads and equipment with a photographic record and allow real-time tracking of lifts. It is also valuable for planning as it delivers statistics relating to the crane operations.

Roborigger is a product of TENSA Equipment, an Australian company established in 2009 providing specialist lifting engineering solutions.

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