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RENEWABLE ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY LEAD AUSTRALIA'S TOP 30 CLEANTECH COMPANIES

The Australian Cleantech Competition reached the first stage of selecting the country's best cleantech company with the announcement of 30 Semi-Finalists. These 30 cleantech leaders now qualify for the Cleantech Business Accelerator Program.

Two thirds of the thirty companies have technologies that fall into the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency categories with 17 of them coming from either New South Wales or Victoria. The companies range from start-ups through to listed companies that have raised tens of millions of dollars.

The judges had the hard task of assessing each of the 150 entries with the aim of short listing those that have the '*greatest potential*' to be a commercial success and thereby facilitate the greatest environmental benefits.

In its third year, the Clean Technologies Competition is an initiative of the Supplier Advocate Program, and championed by Dr Marc Newson, the Clean Technologies Supplier Advocate. *'It is recognised that the balance between the impact of a single installation and likely scale of the business is a key factor in assessing the overall potential of each entrant.'*

'We are lucky to have assembled an excellent group of judges whose experience in helping cleantech companies grow is critical in ensuring that the best companies have been shortlisted.'

The shortlist includes a wide variety of companies including the following:

- **Bombora Wave Power** - a novel wave energy convertor that utilises a sturdy, seabed mounted design and flexible membrane.
- **Commercial Diving Services** - a cleaning technology that helps ships travel faster through the water and consume less fuel.
- **DiUS Computing** - the ChargeIQ technology is a world-leading home charging solution for plug-in electric vehicles.
- **F Cubed** - pure clean drinking water from any feed water source by bio-mimicking the natural water cycle of evaporation and condensation.
- **Nexus eWater** - high-efficiency hot water using heat recycled from grey water, and high-quality treated water for non-potable uses such as toilet flushing and garden irrigation.
- **Specialty Coatings** - EnerSheet™ is a large format resin-impregnated fibreglass composite roof sheeting product with embedded thin film solar photovoltaic (PV) material.
- **Utilitas** - a specialist biogas project development company that uses a smart business model to produce competitively priced 'Organic Energy'.

The Principal Sponsor of the competition, Autodesk, will be working with each of the Top 30 companies to help them design, visualize and simulate their ideas with Digital Prototyping software. Through the Autodesk Clean Tech Partner Program, any clean tech company in

Australia and New Zealand can apply to receive up to AU\$150,000* worth of selected software programs for only AU\$50 or NZ\$60, as applicable.

Jake Layes, Autodesk's Asia Pacific Cleantech Head, explained, "Autodesk's vision is to help our customers design, visualize and create a better world. Through our clean tech initiatives, we hope to support the efforts of brilliant innovators, like the competition's Top 30, and accelerate the development of important technologies that will address some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges."

The Top 30 will then get two months of mentoring before having to submit business plans for further judging. The Winner of the overall competition and the five sector awards will be announced at a gala dinner in Sydney on 2 October. The Australian Winner will represent the company in the Global Competition in November.

In addition, the Winners and others in the Top 30 will attend a trade mission to Hong Kong, China and Singapore to meet with potential partners, customers and investors.

For further information and a full listing of the Semi Finalists visit www.cleantechcomp.com.au.

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