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PSMA AUSTRALIA SWEEPS INTERNATIONAL SPATIAL AWARDS

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Thursday Night - The judging of the prestigious Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA) in Perth, Western Australia found PSMA Australia winning awards in the top two categories of Innovation & Commercialisation and Spatial Professional of the Year.

PSMA Australia won the Innovation & Commercialisation Award for their joint project with British company, 1Spatial, for their technical advances in processing continental datasets. This project, utilising 1Spatial's Radius Studio product, was groundbreaking for both the international and domestic spatial communities.

Dan Paull, Chief Executive Officer of PSMA Australia, was delighted with winning the Innovation & Commercialisation Award for this project. "This award demonstrates how Australia is leading the spatial industry by being innovative and adopting new technologies to produce benefits domestically and internationally," he said.

Duncan Guthrie, Group Sales Director of 1Spatial, said this award was a significant achievement for both PSMA Australia and 1Spatial. "We are thrilled that PSMA Australia has won the Innovation & Commercialisation Award for the implementation of our Radius Studio product," he said.

"The winning of this award demonstrates how collaboration, and the strong business relationship between our two companies, produces great achievements."

Mr Paull also won the Spatial Professional of the Year Award for the Asia-Pacific region. This award is one of the highest given within the Spatial Industry, and is well recognised internationally. "I am honoured that I have been recognised by the industry with this award. The finalists were of such a high calibre, that I am grateful to have even been considered for this award," he said.

Mr Paull was one of four finalists considered for the Spatial Professional of the Year Award for the Asia-Pacific region. Mr Brian Marwick, also a finalist, provides PSMA Australia tremendous support with his extensive experience and knowledge of the spatial industry. "To have been considered alongside Brian for the Spatial Professional of the Year Award is truly humbling. He has offered the industry so much, and his being a finalist for this Award is a testament of that," Mr Paul said.

Mr Paull has been actively participating in global and domestic spatial initiatives. He was invited by EuroGeographics to present at the prestigious GSDI Conference in Rotterdam earlier this year, and has been a keen advocate of collaboration, internationally and domestically, to further continue the development of continental datasets.

"The work that PSMA Australia is achieving domestically and internationally, in the development of continental datasets, has been groundbreaking. We look forward to working with our key partners in Europe, Britain and throughout Australia, to continue leading the way in spatial innovation".

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ABOUT PSMA AUSTRALIA

PSMA Australia is an unlisted public company, owned by the state, territory and federal governments and established in 2001 to coordinate the assembly of, and facilitate access to, fundamental national spatial datasets. PSMA Australia's Head Office is in Canberra, Australia and is dedicated to developing national datasets that contribute to the economic, social and environmental outcomes for Australia.

Six national datasets have been developed by PSMA Australia and include:

- G-NAF (Australia's authoritative reference for geocoded addresses);
- Transport and Topography (over 2 million kilometres of road centrelines and selected topographic information);
- CadLite (a graphical representation of all 10.5 million registered land parcels in Australia);
- Administrative Boundaries (localities, suburbs, local government areas, state boundaries, electoral boundaries);
- Postcode Boundaries (established in collaboration with Australia Post); and
- Points of Interest (a collection of point features to add context and detail).

ABOUT DAN PAULL (FAICD)

Dan Paull graduated with a Bachelor of Surveying (Hons) from the University of New South Wales, and commenced his career as a cadastral surveyor in a rural practice. He then moved into a large national engineering firm where his experience included the management of large scale topographic, construction and engineering surveys as well as GIS infrastructure management and GPS control, network analysis and adjustment. From this 'hands-on' experience, Dan was able to make a successful transition to the management of the spatial information associated with these large projects and ultimately moved into a project management role with PSMA Australia in 1999. When PSMA Australia became an incorporated Company in 2001, Dan assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer of PSMA Australia. Dan is the author of numerous scientific papers, reports and reviews, and has recently completed an Executive MBA at the Australian Graduate School for Management.

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