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MULTIPANEL voted PRODUCT INNOVATION OF THE YEAR at the AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS 2019

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Melbourne, Australia Monday 18 March 2019 – Leading waterproof products manufacturer MULTIPANEL has been awarded the top prize of *Product Innovation of the year* at the Australian Construction Awards.

The manufacturer has achieved one of the highest honors within the construction industry being recognised for its 100% Waterproof products and systems. The family owned and operated business competed against industry giants PRO9 Global, USG Boral, Velux, and Bionova to win the acclaimed award.

There are a huge number of products and materials available to anyone working in the Australian Construction Industry, so standing out can be a challenge. This award recognises those who have risen to that challenge, through innovation in their product line to create something that cannot be ignored.

MULTIPANEL Managing Director Tony Russo who was in Sydney to accept the award said the company was incredibly thrilled to win the prestigious award. "This award is the culmination of all of the hard work and dedication of the MULTIPANEL team. Innovation is core to what we do on a daily basis and to be formally recognised is a great achievement." said Mr. Russo.

"With over 80% of construction defects caused by water ingress, it is pleasing to help the industry find a suitable solution, provide peace of mind to builders, architects and property owners and allow everyone to sleep easier at night."

he added.

“Whilst our core business is the manufacture of shower bases and balcony flooring part of our submission included product innovation in the form of curved and feature facades, plinth boards, planter boxes, graded balcony panels, shower niches and full wet area and balcony systems, all 100% Waterproof solutions.”

The judging panel was led by a team of renowned experts in the fields of architecture, design and construction. The ACA acknowledges the achievements, developments and innovation within Australia's booming construction industry and features a wide range of categories for solution providers, contractors, architects, developers and local authorities.

The MULTIPANEL balcony flooring systems includes a 30mm tongue and grooved panel that is installed directly to joists. The MULTIPANEL Internal Wet Area Waterproofing System comprises of a pre formed shower base that can be custom made to suit the builder / designers requirements as well as a 12mm wall lining sheet and 8mm tile underlay.

Both systems are 100% waterproof and do not require a liquid membrane giving the builder a "sleep easy" factor where they know they are not relying on the membrane coating for their waterproofing and the not having to worry about costly callbacks for failures when membranes have let them down.

The product is 100% waterproof tested by the CSIRO and both systems are fully approved and accredited by the Victorian Building Authority without the use of a waterproof membrane. The systems are the first and only in the marketplace that do not require a liquid membrane. Without the reliance on membranes the systems are tremendously faster to install vs. traditional methods.

MULTIPANEL is incredibly lightweight, typically 3-4 times lighter than traditional products which has significant flow on to OHS requirements. The systems themselves are incredibly easy to install and the product can be cut with standard woodworking tools.

The company is looking forward to continue innovating and work with forward thinking builders and industry professionals to deliver innovative solutions to the industry.

For more information please visit: www.multipanel.com.au

About MULTIPANEL

MULTIPANEL Pty Ltd is an Australian owned and operated company, established in 2000 to manufacture light weight, waterproof building panels.

MULTIPANEL is manufactured from a technologically advanced high density polyurethane composite material and has many energy efficient and eco-friendly properties.

MULTIPANEL provides superior, cost efficient applications across many industries including building and construction, marine, landscaping, caravans, signage, transport, refrigeration, and many more. The versatile, lightweight, waterproof panels are stronger than traditional foam alternatives, are fire retardant and have excellent thermal and acoustic properties.

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