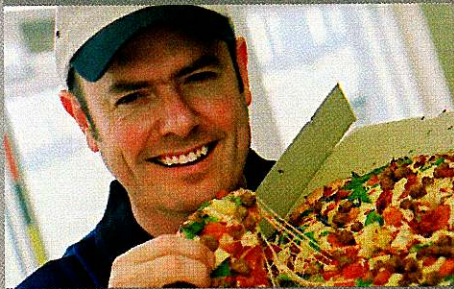


IN BRIEF >>>

DOMINO'S MAKES 300 IN EUROPE



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QUEENSLAND-BASED PIZZA MAKER Domino's Pizza Enterprises Limited (DPE) has opened its 300th European store, with plans to grow to 1,000 stores over the next decade. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, DPE first entered the European market in July 2006 after purchasing 153 existing Domino's Pizza stores in France, Belgium and The Netherlands from Domino's Pizza Inc. Since the purchase, DPE has added 147 stores in Europe and this month celebrated the opening of the 300th European store in Pessac, France, in the famous Bordeaux wine region, bringing the group store count to 823. Domino's France president Andrew Rennie said opening Domino's 300th European store was a great milestone and a huge achievement for the Australian owned and operated company. "Adapting our menu to match the local palate has been vital to our success. La Savoyarde, for example, has become one of our highest selling French pizzas," Mr Rennie said. DPE CEO and managing director Don Meij said while expansion was continuing in Australasia the company was embracing organic growth opportunities in Europe. "Since purchasing the European stores we have implemented our successful Australian business model which has helped to grow sales, reduce costs and improve operational efficiencies, with Europe network sales growth up 13.6 percent in February 2010 on the corresponding period last year," Mr Meij said. "A winning combination for our European expansion has been the mix of Australian and European senior managers based in Europe, who have combined their local cultural knowledge and Domino's expertise to grow the business and develop it for future success." Domino's is a Queensland Leaders partner. www.dominos.com.au ■

Technigro makes GC double awards history



Gold Coast Business Excellence winners for May (left) and June (right) celebrate.



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By Aldwyn Attoney

Environment management company Technigro has made history in the Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards (GCBEA).

The Burleigh Heads-based business is the first company in the 15 year history of the awards to take out two categories in the same month.

Technigro was named as the winner of the Mayor's Innovation and Environmental Management Awards for June 2010, at a presentation at Conrad Jupiters on June 23.

Technigro maintains parks, gardens, natural areas and road networks for government and commercial customers in South East Queensland and Northern NSW.

The business has been going since 1987, has 71 employees and over the years has won five GCBEA monthly awards (including Trades, Professions & Services in October 2000, Family Business in July 2001 and October 2003 and Mayor's Innovation awards in September 2004 and 2009).

Also in June, Olympic swimmer Samantha Riley presented the company with the Family Business Australia 2010 Queensland Family Business Award for the First Generation category at a gala in Brisbane.

Technigro also returned this year as a Queensland finalist in the Telstra Business Awards for the Innovation and Medium Business categories.

Other June winners were: Sara Carrigan Cycling School (Emerging Business), John Henderson Professionals Mermaid Beach (Family Business); AAC ID Solutions (Manufacturing & Construction); KT Cable Accessories (Retail, Wholesale & Distribution); Timezone Funtasia

(Tourism, Hospitality & Recreation); Health Protect International (Trades, Professions & Services) and Web Design Magic (Information Technology & Multimedia).

MAY WINNERS

The May winners were presented with their awards at KPMG in Bundall on May 26.

They were Birdies Garden Products (Emerging Business), Opal Plus (Family Business); P&M Plastics (Manufacturing & Construction); Innotek Australia (Mayor's Innovation GC Award); The Fraser-Scott Group of Companies (Retail, Wholesale & Distribution); Tamborine Mountain Distillery (Tourism, Hospitality & Recreation); Australian Work and Leisure Canopies (Trades, Professions & Services); iOnline (Information Technology & Multimedia) and Greenwood Landscapes (Environmental Management).

All winners from 2010 will be presented at the Black Tie Gala Presentation in November.

The awards are sponsored by the State Government department, Trade Queensland, which has signed on as sponsor of the Tourism Hospitality and Recreation category this year. The department is keen to support the awards and is encouraging entrants to also enter the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards.

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