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ECDIS LTD ANNOUNCED AS NATIONAL BUSINESS AWARDS FINALIST

Today, ECDIS Ltd has been shortlisted for the Inflexion International Growth Business of the Year for the 2014 National Business Awards. ECDIS Ltd, considered the world's leading maritime training provider, based in Whiteley, Fareham, have recently developed a new branch of the company offering next generation simulator builds and 3D port creation, giving the ability to visualise and practice in any port before navigating there.

Going up against Spencer Ogden, BJSS, MPM Products limited, Tangle Teezer Ltd, Bulldog Skincare For Men, JacTravel, Vispring, LSBF and InterActive WorldWide and Scuf Gaming, they will compete for the prestigious award, with the winner being revealed at the National Business Awards gala dinner held on 11 November at Park Lane's Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Hamdi Conger, judge for the category said: "ECDIS provides navigation systems training courses to the Maritime industry with revenues growing rapidly in previous years. Recently launching a 3D port creation system the business focus is on world-class training and becoming an industry benchmark. The firm has global contracts in place with some of the world's largest shipping companies."

Mark Broster, ECDIS Ltd's Managing Director said: "It's an incredible honour to be even considered for such a prestigious award. It's been a very tough, bumpy 4 years, starting from no investment and support, to becoming a market leader with a healthy profit. Every day we ask ourselves was it worth it? The chance of this recognition would say yes".

Britain's leading businesses, business leaders and social enterprises have today been revealed as finalists for the 2014 National Business Awards. The finalists announced today represent categories including the Smith & Williamson Entrepreneur of the Year, Santander Small to Medium-Sized Business of the Year and the Inflexion International Growth Business of the Year. The Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year finalists and Decade of Excellence winner will be announced over the coming months, with the Duke of York New Entrepreneur of the Year finalists announced last month following a judging event in Liverpool.

This year's shortlisted businesses cover activities as diverse as retail, technology, men's grooming products, telecoms, construction, advertising, entertainment, and publishing. Of the businesses shortlisted, 24% turnover under £5m, 26% turnover between £5m and £25m, 15% over a billion and 10% not for profit organisations. The smallest business recognised has a turnover of just £23k with the largest reaching £20 billion. Finalists collectively employ over 850,000 people, the smallest has just one member of staff while the largest employs around 165,000 people globally.

Alex Evans, Programme Director of the National Business Awards said: “The diversity and quality of this year’s finalists have firmly established the National Business Awards as the talent scout for UK plc, with market leading household names recognised alongside the best emerging business brands. With a variety of industries represented, these recovery-leading businesses have demonstrated the return on investment in people, innovation, customer service and leadership.”

Finalists were chosen from the hundreds of businesses that entered or were nominated across 17 award categories. They will now prepare for live presentations to expert juries who will decide the overall winners that will be revealed at the awards ceremony on 11 November.

Visit www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk for a full list of all finalists and to attend the event.

The National Business Awards supports The Prince’s Trust, a charity that offers practical and financial support to young people who need it

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