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SYDNEY PORTS SUPPORTS RIVERINA WINE EXPORTS

Sydney Ports Corporation continues to demonstrate its commitment to regional exporters with its support of the Riverina Wine Show and International Sweet Wine Challenge from 4 to 7 September 2007. The Corporation has exclusive sponsorship of the "Best Dry Table Wine from Riverina Fruit" Award at the Wine Show Presentation Dinner. In addition to the sponsorship, Sydney Ports will also be presenting at the Australian Business Limited Export Exchange lunch on 14 September.

Regional exports contribute to the economical well being of the State. Last year NSW exports were valued at \$44 billion. This year exports through the ports of Sydney have increased by 7.2 per cent to almost 370,000 TEU's*.

With annual grape production of almost 300,000 tonnes in 2006, the Riverina is the largest wine producer in New South Wales and has wineries and vineyards covering an area of over 15,000 hectares. The region is a significant contributor to the NSW economy.

Large regional wine maker McWilliam's Wines exports its products via the ports of Sydney. Sydney Ports Corporation is working with key transport and logistics stakeholders as well as Griffith Council to identify solutions for other regional exporters to use Sydney's ports.

"Sydney Ports has proudly supported the Riverina Wine Show for over ten years and the vitality of the area is a great example of the significant contribution of regional exports to the economic health of the State" said Simon Barney, General Manager, Commerce and Logistics for Sydney Ports.

"In addition to the wine show we are also supporting the 2007 NSW Export Awards reflecting the ongoing commitment of Sydney Ports to work with regional exporters to give them the choice of delivering their products through the ports of Sydney," Mr Barney said.

* Twenty foot equivalent unit

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