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PADI Asia Pacific Member Awards 2007 Finalist Announcement

Sydney, 3rd April 2007. The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Asia Pacific is proud to announce the finalists of the PADI Asia Pacific Member Awards for 2007.

At the end of 2004 PADI Asia Pacific undertook the initiative to build a more rewarding and recognition based benefit program for PADI Members. Continuing the enormous success of the newly revised program, PADI Asia Pacific is proud to run the third annual PADI Asia Pacific Member Awards 2007.

The awards recognise excellence and innovation in the Dive Industry and are considered very prestigious.

PADI Asia Pacific Member Awards for 2007 will culminate in a Member Awards social event this year to be held in conjunction with the Asia Dive Expo (ADEX) at the Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Thailand – 7.00pm, Friday 27th April 2007.

Space at the Member Awards Cocktail Evening is strictly limited - be sure to reserve your place by sending an RSVP email with you name, Member number, email address and desired number of tickets to memberawards@padi.com.au and collect your tickets from the PADI Pavilion at ADEX (booth 609/709). PADI received overwhelming response to the Member Awards in 2006 and the nominations across all categories were of a high standard, providing tough competition.

PADI would like to thank all those who provided fantastic nomination overviews. A panel of key PADI stakeholders met to judge the finalist in each category and the winners will be announced at the Member Awards social.

Congratulations to the Finalists, each in alphabetical order are:

Outstanding (Dive Centre/Resort) Business Award:

This award is to recognise outstanding business performance, initiatives and achievements across all areas of business operation.

- Abyss Scuba Diving
- Dive HQ Bay of Islands
- Diving Plaza

Instructor Development Award:

This award is to celebrate outstanding achievements and commitment to PADI's Instructor Development.

- Diving Plaza
- Minni Vangsgaard & Alina Conroy
- Mermaids Dive Centre - Steve Blumenthal