



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Plasvacc awarded top honours by Queensland Government**

-Queensland's leading biotech company wins awards for outstanding contribution to primary industry and innovation, research and development-

Australia's leading commercial supplier of blood plasma products for animals – Plasvacc – has been honoured with two prestigious awards at the Queensland Primary Industries Achievement Awards Dinner. The Awards recognise and reward outstanding Queensland – based achievers within the agricultural, fisheries and forestry industries.

Plasvacc firstly won the category award for 'Innovation, Research and Development Award' and then went on to be awarded the overall winner as the 'Most Outstanding Contribution to Primary Industries'. The overall winner is chosen amongst the winners of the nine categories. The awards are part of Queensland Department of Primary Industry's initiative to highlight growth and commercial contribution of primary industries in the development of the State.

Plasvacc is the first company in the awards history to win the overall prize from the Innovation Research and Development category

The Primary Industries Week Awards chair, Mrs Nan Dwyer, said this is the eighth year the Queensland Primary Industries Achievement Awards have recognised and rewarded outstanding Queensland achievers in agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries, and rural communities.

In accepting the awards, Plasvacc Chairman Robert Macarthur said it was the most exciting win of his life. "We are delighted to receive these awards. This reinforces our vision to become a world leader in animal plasma therapy through global acquisitions, ongoing R&D and development of innovative products," he said.

Established in 1996, Plasvacc is the only registered commercial manufacturer and distributor of veterinary blood plasma products in Australia. Plasvacc has a strong presence in Australia and New Zealand and sells animal plasma to more than 400 veterinary clinics.

It recently acquired the pioneering US plasma supplier, Veterinary Dynamics Inc. (VDI), establishing streamlined access to the world's largest market for animal plasma through VDI's established customer base of US and Canadian veterinarians and animal owners.

Plasvacc also provides horse plasma to CSL Limited's Pharmaceutical Division for CSL's work in producing snake anti-venom products for human and animal application. This agreement is another first for Queensland as it is the first time CSL has outsourced the supply of a key raw material for antivenom production, in addition to its own Victorian-based facilities.

### **About Plasma and Plasvacc**

Based at *Rigby* a 200-hectare property on the Cunningham Highway near Kalbar, South East Queensland, Plasvacc is an Australian-owned pharmaceutical company that produces high quality blood plasma products for animals such as horses, dogs, camels and alpacas. All blood plasma is collected from special donor herds of animals kept on the property. All plasma collection and processes are conducted under strict animal ethics guidelines

Plasma is a natural product, blood plasma contains vital disease-preventing antibodies and clotting factors, and has received growing acceptance as an alternative to traditional antibiotics as a means of improving animal health.

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