



IBEX Group wins Express Logistics Excellence in Exporting Award

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This year's winner of the exporting category of the Westpac Manukau Business Excellence Awards is a manufacturer for one of New Zealand's most traditional businesses - the meat processing industry.

But that doesn't mean IBEX takes a traditional approach to its business. In fact it's the company's ability to change to meet the market that's led it to take out the award.

"IBEX is an excellent New Zealand exporter," says Dave Lovegrove, Commercial Manager of category sponsor Express Logistics Group Limited.

"They have more than 20 years experience, but innovation and a strong staff culture has been the key to its success. It's a testament to the success New Zealand businesses can gain from exporting."

IBEX has impressive leadership within the organisation and strong quality assurance across its product line, which includes abattoir tools and processing equipment and temperature and sortation solutions.

"IBEX's strategic approach is an outstanding feature of this business," says Bruce McLachlan, Westpac General Manager for Business Banking.

"By developing key relationships with suppliers and business partners, the company has been able to add value to its product design, manufacturing, commissioning and after sales service.

Manukau Mayor Sir Barry Curtis commends IBEX for winning the Express International Logistics Excellence in Exporting Award.

"IBEX is a flagship for the economic development of Manukau City. This development will be increasingly focused on developing added value products and exporting," says Sir Barry Curtis.

The best of Manukau's businesses were celebrated at the 2006 Westpac Manukau Business Excellence Awards gala dinner on September 8. The seven winning businesses were recognised, along with long standing members of the business community and those making an outstanding contribution to the community.

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