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Media Statement

**PINDAN STRIKES AGAIN AT MBA AWARDS**

Leading WA construction firm Pindan scooped one of the top awards at Saturday night's (June 26) gala **2010 Master Builder – Bankwest Excellence in Construction Awards** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Pindan has raised the stakes as one of the State's most versatile construction companies, picking up 'Best Multi Unit Development' for South Beach's ground-breaking "Islands" project, as well as double honours for Rio Tinto's new offices at Perth Domestic Airport, listed as a finalist in both 'Best Commercial Building' and 'Best Building Fit-out' categories.

Pindan Director of Business Development Scott Davison credits Pindan's ingrained philosophy to work as a team with its clients and a focus on quality as the reason for their continued success.

"Partnership and quality decisions made together are what make Pindan projects stand out from the rest – we had great relationships with our clients on both these projects and it shows," he said.

"It's a lot easier to deliver excellence when you've got everyone working from the same page.

"Pindan ensures a quality, collaborative approach from executives to contractors, so these awards are a tribute to the entire team and every hand which helped bring these great projects to reality."

The recently completed \$72 million stage 1 of the Islands venture unleashed 50 world-class luxury units into Perth's highly competitive top end property market. Its features include an on-site gym, pool and café in addition to panoramic views of Garden, Carnac and Rottnest Islands.

Mr Davison believes the story behind the landmark residential project is as fascinating as the popular beachside district itself.

"Right from the start our client, Stockland, understood how passionate the local community was about protecting the heritage and natural environment of the South Beach site," he said.

"With that in mind, Sydney based architect Architectus in conjunction with local architect Cameron Chisholm & Nicol came up with a perfect solution that merged design excellence with environmental sustainability."

Before construction began, the former industrial site was completely repatriated and the adjacent foreshore rejuvenated after years of neglect.

Mr Davison said while the structure and form of Islands appears simple and uncomplicated, the architecture is in fact very intelligent and sophisticated.

"The end result speaks for itself – a beautiful balance of contemporary luxury with genuine respect for the local ecology."

Pindan has been pioneering innovative luxury apartment building with a string of MBA multi-unit awards for high profile residential projects in recent years, including Cygne Crawley Edge in Crawley (2007), The Moorings in North Fremantle (2005), The Esplanade in Mt Pleasant (2004) and Aurora Queen Gardens in East Perth (2003).

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On the commercial front, Pindan's construction of Rio Tinto's new \$15 million office complex at Perth Airport was celebrated as a finalist in two major award categories in this year's accolades.

The distinct two-level office building is striking inside and out, leaving visitors in no doubt Perth is a thoroughly modern city.

Pindan similarly impressed the judges two years ago when it received Best Commercial Building for its meticulous work on Parliament Place in West Perth.

Regardless of whether it's a residential or commercial project, Mr Davison resolutely attributes success to the company's cornerstone philosophy that 'building on partnerships are paramount'.

"Great things are achieved through positive collaboration with our clients, and when we receive awards and recognition like these, we accept them on behalf of every individual that played a part," he said.

The much celebrated Master Builders Association Excellence in Construction Awards – regarded by industry, its professionals and government as the hallmark annual event of the year for Western Australia's commercial, industrial and civil engineering sectors – is now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

Entries were judged by an independent panel of representatives from the Royal Institute of Architects, Engineers Australia and Master Builders Association.

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