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## MEDIA RELEASE

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# ***CICA Secures Stand-Alone Award***

*As part of the Award Modernisation process the AIRC has accepted the proposal by CICA in partnership with AiG to make a stand-alone award.*

The Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) has achieved what some astute industry observers have called the 'coup of the decade' in convincing the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) of the importance of continuing a separate stand-alone award for the mobile crane hiring sector.

"CICA recognised this as a huge issue for members, so we did our homework and stood up to be counted," noted John Gillespie, CICA President. "Importantly we engaged the Australian Industry Group (AiG) who had the industrial relations expertise and resources to put the industry's case while harnessing the input of the CICA Board and key members," highlighted Gillespie. "I was most pleased to work with the AiG team and I take this opportunity to also recognise the outstanding contributions by Albert Smith and Craig Meldrum, CICA Board Members," said Gillespie.

"We were quietly confident that the team had compiled a strong case on behalf of members and the wider industry," remarked Alan Marshall (CICA Chief Executive Officer). "We also had the in-principle support of the CFMEU. However we were mindful that it was still a 'big ask' for the AIRC to recognise our concerns, when award rationalisation has been such a strong Government objective in the process," added Marshall.

Following the AIRC's decision handed down on Friday 3 April CICA reports a new modern award will be established called the *Mobile Crane Hiring Award 2010*. The AIRC has adopted the AiG / CICA classification structure, noting the following paragraph in the AIRC's decision:

*"The CFMEU and the AiGroup / CICA propose slightly different structures in relation to the groupings of employee functions and minimum rates. .... We have adopted the position of the AiGroup / CICA in both respects. Their proposal in relation to slew crane operators better reflects the current award groupings and minimum wage levels. The recognition of licence requirements for riggers results in a more rational structure."*

"This is an outstanding success for the industry. CICA thanks all those members who contributed to this great result, including the significant advice from the AiG," said Marshall.

For a copy of the Mobile Crane Hiring Award 2010 refer to:

[http://www.airc.gov.au/awardmod/awards/mobile\\_crane.pdf](http://www.airc.gov.au/awardmod/awards/mobile_crane.pdf)

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