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# JOBS GROWTH FOR AMPCONTROL GROUP AS THEY CREATE 200 MANUFACTURING ROLES ACROSS AUSTRALIA BY END OF 2023

- Ampcontrol Group will create over 200 manufacturing roles in Australia by end of 2023 as they scale
  up their operations in response to winning major contracts with a total value of \$41m with Western
  Power, Water Corp, BHP, and other major players.
- Ampcontrol Group company CPS National has been named a key delivery partner of the Western
  Power contract, by Boundary Power, a joint venture between Ampcontrol and West Australian utility
  Horizon Power for the roll out of 101 stand-alone power systems (SPS).
- The Western Power contract marks Australia's largest single roll-out of SPS and will replace around 762km of overhead powerlines. Representing a period of significant growth for the Ampcontrol Group in the rollout of innovative solutions for the renewable energy sector.

Ampcontrol Group is set to create more than 200 manufacturing roles across Australia by the end of 2023 as they scale up their operations in response to winning major contracts with a total value of \$41m with BHP, Western Power, along with other major players, including telecommunications providers.

Alongside these contracts, Ampcontrol Group company CPS National has been named a key delivery partner of the Western Power contract won by Boundary Power, a joint venture between Ampcontrol and West Australian utility Horizon Power, for the roll out of 101 stand-alone power systems (SPS).

The cumulative job growth associated with the contracts secured in 2022 will see Ampcontrol Group grow by over 200 roles in the next 18 months. **Rod Henderson, Ampcontrol Managing Director & CEO**, has said it is an exciting time for the Ampcontrol Group to expand in response to industry needs.

"These project wins demonstrate our strength to work with utilities, communications and industry to provide optimal solutions for their needs," says Mr Henderson.

Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately owned electrical engineering company and is very optimistic about expanding its growth.

"Ampcontrol is proud to play an integral role in the uptake of innovative solutions such as SPS across Australia, supporting remote communities by providing a more reliable and cost-effective option through advancing renewable technology rather than traditional poles and wires," says Mr Henderson.

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Winning these contracts is a confirmation of the Ampcontrol Group's experience, capability and expertise in electrical engineering solutions. The roll out of power and battery upgrades and solar skids for BHP provide the key first steps in electrifying mine sites and eliminating safety risks to workers; all while keeping manufacturing within Australia.

"At Ampcontrol, we have always felt strongly about keeping manufacturing jobs here in Australia. By winning these contracts with BHP and other businesses, it further reinforces the capabilities of the Ampcontrol Group," says Mr Henderson.

"This is just the beginning for jobs growth within the Ampcontrol Group as we scale up our operations to deliver innovation solutions to meet the needs of our clients."

#### Ends.

Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company leading advanced global manufacturing of award-winning innovations, products, solutions and service to the resources, infrastructure and energy sectors. Founded in Newcastle NSW in 1968, Ampcontrol has grown to over 950 employees across 30 operations worldwide.

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#### **About Ampcontrol**

- Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company leading advanced global manufacturing of award-winning innovations, products, solutions and service to the resources, infrastructure and energy sectors.
- From humble beginnings founded by four friends in a small shed in Newcastle in 1968, Ampcontrol has grown to over 850 employees across 30 operations worldwide.
- Ampcontrol co-founder, Peter Cockbain AM, is named by Engineers Australia as one of Australia's top 100 influential engineers and in 2015 he became a Member of the Order for Australia for his significant services to engineering.
- Locations include New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, ACT, Asia, India, Mongolia, UK, and France.
- Consists of 6 member companies; Ampcontrol, Captech, CPS National, ResTech, Verico Group, and Austech.
- The largest operation is located in the Hunter, NSW, with a combined manufacturing space totalling over 21,000sqm spread over 10 different sites.
- Designed and built lifesaving emergency ventilator prototypes for the NSW Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed the world's first IECEx certification for an explosion protected, hermetically sealed, nitrogen filled and pressurised mining transformer.
- Developed the industry's first 132kV emergency response mobile substation that has received RTA
  approval as a new special class type of vehicle due to its innovative design and ability to meet all road
  safety requirements.
- Developed Australia's first variable speed drive (VSD) installed on a longwall armored face conveyor in Moranbah North Longwall.
- Designed and developed a breakthrough remote water treatment system that transforms undrinkable water into pure water. Pilot project currently installed in a remote indigenous community in Gillen Bore, Northern Territory.

## MULTI-AWARD WINNING ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND INNOVATION

- o 2021 Good Design Award for Excellence In Engineering Design (Solar Qube)
- o 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Excellence In Product Design' (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Collaboration Partnership' (Hybrid Diesel Electric Boat)
- 2020 Hunter Business Award for Excellence In Innovation & Adaptability for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- o 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Collaboration Partnership for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- o 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Manufacturing Pivot for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- o 2020 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence In Innovation for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Consult Australia Awards for Excellence for Technological Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- o 2020 Institution of Civil Engineers Chris Binnie Award for Sustainable Water Management for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Engineering Excellence Award Newcastle Division for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Good Design Award winner for Social Impact for 'Gilghi'
- o 2020 NSW Mining Supplier of the Year
- 2020 Australian Water Association NSW Water Infrastructure Project Innovation Award for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Hunter Business Excellence Award for Innovation' Gilghi
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Product Design Commercial and Industrial for 'Rockstarter'
- o 2019 Good Design Award winner for Engineering Design for 'Rockstarter'
- o 2019 Scottish Engineering Awards President's Award winner
- o 2019 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence Award for Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- o 2019 Mine Electrical Safety Conference Innovation Award for AFC VSD Moranbah North Longwall Project
- 2018 HunterNet Chairman Awards Excellence In Work Health Safety
- 2018 Hunter Business Awards Excellence In Business (20+ employees)
- 2018 NSW Minerals Council Outstanding Supplier for 'H3RO'
- o 2017 Hunter Manufacturing Awards Excellence In Product Design for 'VoiceComm Phone'
- 2015 Engineers Australia Newcastle Engineering Excellence Award for 'Arc Fault Venting Simulation and Practice'
- 2013 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Innovation' Management of VSD earth leakage currents in fault limited networks'
- 2010 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence' Blakefield South 11kV
   longwall in partnership with Xstrata Coal and Joy Global'
- 1998 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence 'iMAC'