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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Aquaterro Announced as Finalist for the 2006 Telstra Business Awards**

Melbourne, Australia, July 11th – Aquaterro, a leading Australian distributor of Security, Safety and Tactical Operations Equipment, has today been confirmed as a Finalist for the 2006 Telstra Business Awards.

The Telstra Business Awards are Australia's most prestigious acknowledgment for businesses with up to 100 employees, and have a tradition of recognising current and future leading Australian Organisations.

Graeme Bulte, Managing Director of Aquaterro commented, "We are very excited by our nomination, and now Finalist status in these prestigious Awards. This recognition of our effort and strategy in creating a successful business to directly assist those Australian Professionals, whose jobs take them daily into harm's way, is very welcome for our team".

Aquaterro was established in 1995, developing from a heritage in the Tasmanian Marine Industry, it began seeking equipment to better protect mariners in the notorious Southern Ocean. Today Aquaterro is the leading supplier of the highest quality counter-ballistic and extreme environment protective solutions for Australia's most elite Industrial, Exploration, Law Enforcement and Military professionals.

"Our mission at Aquaterro is to provide professional personnel, operating in dangerous environments, with protection against threat by means of equipment and systems of the highest quality and performance. Our vision is to be the first choice of the most demanding users in Australia for provision of products and services designed to save lives and enhance performance."

Sol Trujillo, Chief Executive Officer of Telstra Corporation stated, "In today's business climate with its pressures to improve customer service, increase value, create more innovative products and reduce costs, the Telstra Business Awards recognise those businesses that have successfully faced these challenges.

The Telstra Business Awards encourage excellence that exists in Australia's business sector. These Awards are an opportunity for Australian businesses to celebrate their achievements and be recognised for their valuable contribution to our country – and we are proud to be behind them once again."

More information on the Telstra Business Awards 2006 can be found at, [www.telstrabusinessawards.com](http://www.telstrabusinessawards.com)

More information about Aquaterro can be found at; [www.aquaterro.com](http://www.aquaterro.com)

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