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### AMPCONTROL RECOGNISED BY INDUSTRY PEERS AS WINNER OF INNOVATION AWARD

- Ampcontrol named winner of the Innovation Award 2024 at the Mine Electrical Safety Conference (MESC) Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 4 June 2024.
- The MESC Conference focuses on the new era of mine electrical safety and is attended by mining industry professionals from across Australia.
- The MESC Innovation Award signals peer-to-peer recognition for industry innovation that flourish within the mining industry's electrical sector

Ampcontrol was awarded the Innovation Award 2024 for Ampcontrol Electric Vehicle DRIFTEX at the Mine Electrical Safety Conference (MESC) Awards on Tuesday 4 June 2024.

The Innovation Award win signals peer-to-peer recognition within the industry of the innovative development of DRIFTEX, the world's first IECEx Group I certified Electric Vehicle (EV), using an Intrinsically Safe traction battery. Designed and developed in response to growing industry demand for low emissions technology, DRIFTEX offers significant health and environmental improvements on mine sites by removing carcinogens, minimising noise, and reducing demand on mine site ventilation.

**Steve Burgess, Ampcontrol Manager – Electro-Motion Strategy** accepted the award on behalf of Ampcontrol at the awards ceremony.

"The beauty of DRIFTEX is the technology behind it can be leveraged to satisfy other similar demands of industry to aid in mine site electrification. Being recognised at this industry level for the technical benefits of DRIFTEX further cements the ability of Ampcontrol to assist companies in meeting their decarbonisation goals," says Steve Burgess.

DRIFTEX incorporates a 60kWh Intrinsically Safe battery management system with a long cycle life of 20,000-30,000 cycles, allowing for approximately ten years of operation with 80% battery life remaining. DRIFTEX is the world's first IECEx Group I Certified Electric Vehicle.

"We know we have some of the brightest minds in the industry working on innovative solutions to support industry to decarbonise. It is an honour to be recognised by our peers from a technical standpoint for our battery electric vehicle DRIFTEX," says **Rod Henderson, Ampcontrol Managing Director & CEO**.

"Innovation is in our DNA. The development of DRIFTEX required an innovative approach to reduce diesel emissions. Through collaborating with customers and industry, Ampcontrol is leading the global energy revolution," says Mr Henderson.

Steve Burgess presented "Ampcontrol Electric Vehicle – DRIFTEX" at MESC QLD on Tuesday 4 June 2024 where he showcased how Ampcontrol Electric Vehicle packages offer a certified electric vehicle solution, with significant health improvements when compared to diesel alternatives.

The Mine Electrical Safety Association (MESA) coordinates this annual conference, now in its 34th year. As part of the two-day conference, the MESC Innovation Award is awarded at the annual gala dinner in recognition of the innovative ideas that flourish within the mining industry's electrical sector. The award promotes and allows industry learnings to be shared that reduce harm to workers and equipment.

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This signifies another win for DRIFTEX which was awarded for Health Excellence at the NSW Mining HSEC Awards 2023 and HSEC People's Choice Award at the NSW Mining Annual Parliamentary Dinner 2023. Ampcontrol was named one of Australia's Most Innovative Companies for 2023 by the Australian Financial Review (AFR) for their advanced Australian manufacturing of energy solutions, specifically DRIFTEX. Ampcontrol was also named one of the top 10 Most Innovative Manufacturing organisations by @AuManufacturing in 2024 for their approach to innovation and the development of world first solutions to help decarbonise the mining industry, specifically DRIFTEX.

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Ampcontrol is challenging the future by solving the most complex problems in energy. Ampcontrol creates energy solutions of scale using innovative collaborations, their smart people and advanced Australian manufacturing. Their vision is to lead the global energy revolution and help make net zero a reality. Every day, Ampcontrol works to support customers in their journey towards decarbonisation. Building on our 55 years of experience working with industry, Ampcontrol is ready to challenge the future and help customers future-proof their business.

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