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Grant Cockshott Wins IWDC's Top Award

Indianapolis, IN – October 30, 2018 – In recognition for his contributions to IWDC, the Industrial Gas & Welding Industry and surrounding province of Manitoba community, Grant Cockshott, CEO of The Innovair Group, was presented the Bob Jackson Memorial Award at IWDC's October 23 - 25 Owners' Meeting in Lake Tahoe, California.

Bob Jackson played an integral part in the formation of the Independent Welding Distributors Cooperative (IWDC). The honor is bestowed annually on a Member who has "gone above and beyond" in their support of the organization. The Bob Jackson is considered the preeminent award of the IWDC. Criteria for the award includes: strong volunteer spirit, supportive of independents, viewed internal and externally as a respected leader, engaged in our industry, community and family centric.

The Innovair Group, headquartered in Winnipeg Canada, traces its history back to 1946, and comprises four operating companies. Welders Supplies is the largest independent distributor of industrial gases and welding supplies in Canada. Innovair Automation is a robotic welding and cutting integrator and engineering services firm. Medigas Manitoba Limited distributes medical gases and sleep apnea treatment services. Innovair Medical distributes specialized medical devices across Canada, including sleep management products and hospital bed storage systems, among others. As CEO, Grant Cockshott is the third generation of his family to lead the business, and is particularly proud of their innovative strategy, his staff, and their dedication to customer service and patient care.

The IWDC is a cooperative, formed in 1994, which leverages the strengths of its independent welding distributor members across North America. IWDC's 138 Member companies collectively represent over \$2.4B in sales, serving a wide range of industries. The common denominator is that these industries look to them for industrial, specialty, and medical gases as well as related equipment, hard goods, and consumables. End-use customers served by IWDC Members benefit from having the unparalleled expertise of a local Member distributor who has access to national-scale purchasing and marketing programs.

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