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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2013 TRUCKSAFE JOHN KELLY MEMORIAL AWARD

The Australian Trucking Association (ATA) has today announced the finalists for the 2013 TruckSafe John Kelly Memorial Award, one of the prestigious National Trucking Industry Awards.

TruckSafe is the ATA's business and risk management system. The finalists for this award are businesses that have demonstrated integrity and dedication to achieving the highest levels of safety and professionalism in their business.

The 2013 TruckSafe John Kelly Memorial Award finalists are:

- **De Gunst Transport**, Bundaberg, Queensland
- **G&S Transport**, Alice Springs, Northern Territory
- **South West Freight**, Mount Gambier, South Australia

ATA Chairman David Simon said the finalists for the TruckSafe John Kelly Memorial Award were some of Australia's safest trucking businesses.

"Companies in the TruckSafe program are twice as safe as non-accredited operators; these finalists are the best of the best," Mr Simon said.

It's not too late to be part of this year's National Trucking industry Awards. Nominations are still open for the following awards:

- Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Trucking Industry;
- National Trucking Industry Woman of the Year; and
- National Professional Driver of the Year.

To find out more and to make a nomination, go to www.truck.net.au/awards. Nominations close on Wednesday 1 May.

The National Trucking Industry Awards will be presented on Friday 21 June at Trucking Australia 2013 on Hamilton Island.

To attend the evening, purchase a ticket or register as a delegate at www.truckingaustralia.com.au.

The details of the finalists are attached.

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Who was John Kelly?

The TruckSafe John Kelly Memorial Award is named in honour of the late John Kelly. John was a passionate safety advocate in the truck insurance field, and was involved in developing TruckSafe as the industry owned safety and business risk accreditation system. The success of TruckSafe today can be credited to his passion and drive.

A safe, professional and viable trucking industry

2013 TRUCKSAFE JOHN KELLY MEMORIAL AWARD FINALISTS

TruckSafe John Kelly Memorial Award to recognise excellence in the TruckSafe program

Award sponsor: Austbrokers AEI Transport

*De Gunst Transport
Bundaberg, QLD*

De Gunst Transport began as a single truck operation in 1984. Today, the De Gunst Transport fleet has grown to include 60 prime movers and 140 trailers, along with a range of earthmoving plant and equipment. A TruckSafe member since 2002, the company found that using the clear TruckSafe procedures helps them save time on paperwork so they can spend more time looking after their customers. De Gunst Transport's prime movers are replaced every three to five years, ensuring drivers are using safe and modern equipment when driving through our communities.

*G & S Transport
Alice Springs, NT*

Family owned G & S Transport specialises in bulk tipper haulage of quarry products throughout remote central and north Australia, as well as the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Working in such remote areas, G & S Transport's highest priority is making sure its vehicles are absolutely reliable in even the harshest conditions. G & S Transport joined TruckSafe in 2003 to show the community their dedication to safety and the professionalism of their business operation. The company has previously received an award from Rio Tinto and CEMEX Australia for professionally hauling one million tonnes of products in a 12 month period.

*South West Freight
Mount Gambier, SA*

South West Freight has been in the TruckSafe program for more than 15 years, after receiving accreditation in January 1998. The South West Freight fleet of 30 prime movers operates throughout Australia with principle depots in Mount Gambier, Adelaide and Melbourne. South West Freight is dedicated to supporting their local industry, and take pride in just doing the job right the first time. In line with the company motto 'excellence is an enduring quality', South West Freight is committed to the continuous improvement of its operation through meticulous fleet maintenance, regular compliance audits and extensive staff training.