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## MEDIA RELEASE

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# ***CICA welcomes the launch of the new NT Crane Association***

*CICA and other industry representatives travelled to Darwin for the official launch of the NTCA, Friday 19 December 2008.*

John Gillespie (President) and Alan Marshall (Chief Executive Officer) representing The Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) were amongst the many industry operators and officials present at the industry launch of the Northern Territory Crane Association (NTCA) in Darwin on 19 December 2008.

"It was a worthwhile trip despite the torrential rainfall on the day, although we were under good cover at the HIAB Darwin premises," stated John Gillespie. "I was most pleased to be able to present an official plaque from CICA to Cheryl Woodhart on the day, to commemorate the event and the launch of the NTCA," added John.

"I appreciated the important opportunity to talk to the locals and the interstate guests about the benefits of state and national industry associations - and the good work of CICA's activities across Australia including CraneSafe, and internationally," noted John. "A lot of hard work is undertaken by association volunteer committees on behalf of members and the broader industry and along with many others I am passionate and positive about this industry and the future," said John.

Key sponsors of the NTCA launch day event included HIAB, Tutt Bryant and CICA. "I know all sponsors were very pleased to be able to support this launch and the event," remarked Alan Marshall. "This is a significant step forward for the Northern Territory operators, and one that has been in the development pipeline for some time thanks to key industry leaders such as Bob Davis, Steven Bailey, Ray Cron, John Gillespie, Jeff Brundell and more recently the fantastic energies of Cheryl Woodhart," highlighted Alan. "I'm really impressed with the commitment of Cheryl and the HIAB team to make this happen, especially a tough ask so close to Christmas but they have pulled it together brilliantly." Alan continued, adding "Sure there is some hard work ahead, especially to get the local industry to really step up, understand and get behind the new association, but strategically having the NTCA can only be good for the industry. And of course CICA is keen to lend a guiding hand as the association grows."

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