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DELAWARE NORTH VICTORIA'S CATERER OF THE YEAR

August 7, 2008, Melbourne... Delaware North was named Caterer of the Year and won two other awards at the annual Restaurant and Caterers Victoria Awards for Excellence this week.

Delaware North also won the Venue Caterer Award at the same venue and the Modern Wedding Magazine Wedding Caterer Award for hospitality and food service at *The Terrace* in Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens.

The new awards come 12 months after Delaware North entered the Restaurant and Caterers Victoria Hall of Fame for being named Event Caterer of the Year three years running at the Australian Open at Melbourne Park.

Executive Director Business Development Richard Ayson said Delaware North's record at the Restaurant and Caterers Victoria Awards for Excellence demonstrated why it is considered a leader in hospitality and food service.

"To be independently and consistently judged by our peers as providing the best services at a number of different venues over the last few years is tremendous recognition for our staff.

"It is impossible to achieve this level of sustained success without the very strong support of our clients who share our dream of providing memorable experiences to each of our guests, and who support us as we constantly strive to maintain our industry leading position.

"We were thrilled to have three of the four finalists in the Venue Caterer Award, but to win both that and the Caterer of the Year Award for our work at Melbourne Zoo is recognition of the hard work of the Zoo team, including Executive Chef Jason Debski and Special Event Chef Glenn Payne.

"We will be looking to reach even higher standards at Melbourne Zoo in 2009.

"Just over a year ago, we relaunched *The Terrace*, at the romantic heart of the Royal Botanic Gardens, with a contemporary refurbishment and interior design update. To receive the Wedding Caterer Award a little over 12 months later is a remarkable achievement. Almost every Friday and Saturday throughout 2008 and 2009 are booked for wedding events.

"This has been a very successful year at Delaware North, with awards and recognition for our work at Wembley Stadium and Emirates Stadium in the UK, and for the work of our partner subsidiaries in the USA. We have launched new food programs, including healthier food offerings at Melbourne Park and Telstra Dome, and our Culinary Wellbeing program."

About Delaware North

Delaware North Companies is one of the world's leading hospitality and food service providers. Its family of companies includes Delaware North Companies Sportservice, Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts, Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services, Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment, Delaware North Companies International and Delaware North Companies Boston, owner of TD Banknorth Garden.



Delaware North Companies is one of the largest privately held companies in the United States with revenues exceeding \$2.3 billion annually and 40,000 associates serving half a billion customers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. For more information, please visit www.delawarenorth.com

Delaware North Companies International manages operations outside of North America in airports, railway stations, cultural centres and sport and entertainment venues. In Australia and New Zealand, Delaware North currently operates at 30 venues and sites, including Melbourne Park, Telstra Dome, every state capital city airport and Sydney Central Railway Station.

In Europe, Delaware North Companies UK currently operates at Wembley Stadium and Emirates Stadium, and have just commenced as the new hospitality and food service providers at Pride Park, the home of Derby County Football Club.

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