

## **RFD Liferaft Inflates Survitec New Facility Officially Opened**

With a firm tug on the lanyard of a 16 man RFD liferaft, the canister separated with a loud crack signifying that the new Survitec Group Australia facility at Wetherill Park (Sydney NSW) was officially open.



Above: Tony Morgan leads the round of applause as the Survitec Australia facility is officially declared, open for business.

To mark this landmark occasion, a bevy of VIP guests travelled from the UK to Sydney for the gala opening. The guest list included the most senior

management figures from Survitec in the UK, Brian Stringer (Chief Executive Officer), Cyril Stocker (Chief Operating Officer), Chris Bates (Chief Financial Officer) and Mark Barker (VP APAC). Also present was Tony Morgan (Non-Executive Director) representing the owners of the Onex Corporation, the private equity investment owners of the Survitec Group.

Hosting the event was Craig Johnson, Managing Director of Survitec Australia. Before a group of almost 140 guests Craig Johnson welcomed all the attendees. Guests included key account customers, suppliers, media and staff.

The new Survitec Group Australia property at Wetherill Park is a six star green rated building providing 5807 M<sup>2</sup> of warehouse, manufacturing and office space, located alongside the

Westlink M7 freeway and nearby the Western Motorway M4. Access to the Sydney CBD, Sydney airport and Port of Botany is exceptional.

Under the 13.5m high roof of the building is an extensive racking system for warehousing, purpose built work cells for engineering, marine liferaft and lifejacket servicing, CNG cylinder servicing, high pressure gas equipment servicing, breathing apparatus for the mining sector and fire service equipment, all housed under the one roof.

Following a presentation from Joe Quarello from the builder (Frasers Property Australia), Brian Stringer addressed the group commenting on the strength of the Survitec Australia operation and acknowledging the contribution of the key account customers.

At the appropriate time, all eyes turned to the white RFD liferaft canister carefully positioned on the floor to the side of the assembled group. Tony Morgan grasped the deployment lanyard, declared the new premises officially open and then gave the lanyard one swift tug. A loud explosive crack signalled that the liferaft shell had split apart. Pressurised air immediately began to fill the air chambers as the raft deployed and fully inflated.

This was also the signal for a series of instructional tours around the new Survitec complex to commence.

“We couldn’t have asked for a more successful opening of our new facility,” Craig Johnson said.

“It was quite a compliment to have the most senior executives from the Survitec Group travel half way around the world to Sydney for our opening. This clearly shows the regard for which they have for the market in Australia and respect held for our customers.”

The new Survitec facility at Wetherill Park is now fully functional and operating smoothly following the relocation from the previous property at Auburn.

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Survitec Group in Australia (RFD Australia Pty Ltd) is primarily involved in the supply, service and project management of marine, fire, life support and high pressure gas equipment to Government Departments and major corporations in the region. In the marine segment Survitec Group services recreational boating as well as the defence, shipping, cruise and aviation industries.

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