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## Maras Group wins 2013 ESQR Award for Best Practice

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South Australian commercial and retail property enterprise, Maras Group, has been awarded a 2013 European Award for Best Practices in the Gold Category by the European Society for Quality Research.

The ESQR, based in Lausanne, Switzerland, recognizes and highlights outstanding business results, best practices, quality awareness and achievements by companies in regional and global markets. It is dedicated to quality improvement techniques, recognition and research.

The international award is to be presented at a gala ceremony at the historic Parkhotel Schonbrunn in Vienna, Austria, on 8 December. It recognises Maras Group's "outstanding commitment and results in best practices and quality management strategies".

Maras Group MD and CEO, Steve Maras, reports Maras Group was selected for the award by the ESQR based on the results of the ESQR's polls, consumer opinion research and market studies. Votes came from a range of sources including former ESQR award winning companies and organizations, customers, business partners and collaborating companies. Votes and recommendations also came from the ESQR's "Shared Best Practices" web section, the research of public information sources, publications, promotional campaigns and chambers of commerce.

Steve will attend the convention and awards ceremony in Vienna next month to represent Maras Group. He will address the convention on the work and practices of Maras Group in South Australia and describe the group's efforts and contributions in the development industry, the promotion and enhancement of Mainstreets and commitment to assisting in the renewal of urban spaces and environments. Steve plans to capitalize on the opportunity to promote and educate delegates and world leaders about South Australia.

The convention, to be held at one of Vienna's most prestigious hotels, and a former palace for the Austrian emperor's guests, will host global leaders from a broad range of companies and organizations representing different sectors from Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and Australia.

"Without question, this is a huge honour for our company to be recognized for our work and best practice on a global level and in the presence of some of the world's most esteemed organizations. This is testament to the passion, hard work, dedication and loyalty of everyone involved in Maras Group," Steve says.

"I am immensely proud of our company and our people, and I very much consider this celebrated recognition for South Australia, and Australia for that matter."

Maras Group is one of two Australian winners of the award. Last month, Maras Group also was among the top performing companies globally at The 2013 International Business Awards, held in Barcelona. Maras took out a 11 awards including a Grand Stevie Award for "Best of the IBA's", where they finished fourth in the world's Top 10 companies, the People's Choice Award for Favorite Companies (Services Category) and four Gold Stevie Awards.

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