

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Winners Announced: New Zealand Innovators Awards 2015 Kode Biotech wins Supreme New Zealand Innovator**

Kode Biotech and their game-changing anti-cancer treatment has been crowned New Zealand's most innovative organisation at the New Zealand Innovators Awards 2015, held at the Cloud in Auckland on Wednesday night (October 21). Kode Biotech have developed a base platform that can cure cancer using the human bodies auto immune responses.

New Zealand Innovation Council CEO and Awards convener Louise Webster says the winners of the 2015 awards demonstrate innovation and commercialisation is thriving across many industry sectors: "It is at the intersection between these sectors where truly disruptive, innovative products and business ventures are created.

"These awards bring together incredible innovators, entrepreneurs, organisations and investors from all industries across New Zealand to collaborate and celebrate. The 2015 entrants give a real sense that Kiwi innovation is moving into the main stream, demonstrating world leading approaches to innovation with many businesses going global from day one. We really are a country of world-class innovators."

Awards partners Bayer New Zealand and Idealog are excited about the growth of the programme and the positive impact this is having on the business community. The awards have grown to reach more than 1.3 million people annually, and provide endless opportunities for businesses to grow and succeed.

Steve Henry, CEO and Chief Science Officer of Kode Biotech, and Professor of Biotech Innovation at AUT accepted the Supreme New Zealand Innovator Award in front of more than 700 people who attended the awards ceremony and event celebrations.

Kode Biotech also won the Innovation in Health and Science Award. NZIA evaluators praised Kode Technology for having developed a licensing model that provides a flexible and profitable commercialisation pathway for their product. Kode's technology will be incorporated by Agalimmune into its novel cancer immunotherapy molecules, creating a game-changing advance in cancer treatment. While early days, the potential of the technology is both important and massive.

Many other category winners were announced on the night and reflect the depth and talent of New Zealand's innovators and organisations.

**The full list of 2015 New Zealand Innovators Awards winners are:**

**INNOVATION IN AGRIBUSINESS & ENVIRONMENT** - Sponsored by Bayer New Zealand

### **Fibre-gen - HITMAN PH330 – Canterbury**

The Hitman PH330 is an acoustic tool that sonically tests the tensile strength of a tree before harvest, allowing the tree to be segregated into construction strength timber, and timber for other uses. This tool reduces waste and saves money in the timber industry.

### **INNOVATION IN DESIGN & ENGINEERING - Sponsored by James and Wells**

#### **Methven – Aurajet™ Shower Spray Technology – Auckland**

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### **INNOVATION IN FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - Sponsored by Paymark**

#### **Harmony – Peer To Peer Marketplace – Auckland**

Harmony is one of New Zealand's first peer-to-peer money marketplaces, bringing people looking to borrow money together with people looking to lend it. The online platform offers fast, easy, and transparent lending and investment options. Harmony's unique loan Fractionalisation allows investors to spread their investment over a large number of loans, further reducing their risk or exposure to any one borrower.

#### **Highly Commended**

- Semble - Auckland
- ShipIT - Auckland

### **INNOVATION IN FOOD & BEVERAGE - Sponsored by Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development (ATEED)**

#### **Genevieve's – Long Shelflife Pates – Auckland**

Dedicated to additive-free foods, Genevieve's have spent years perfecting recipes and heat preserving methods that create tasty, long shelf-life pates with no preservatives. Previously, products only lasted three weeks, or had to be canned. The recipes, cooking, and preserving methods used by Genevieve's have created a safer, more nutritional food product with a longer shelf-life for retailers.

#### **Highly Commended**

- BBC Technologies - CURO - Waikato

### **INNOVATION IN HEALTH & SCIENCE - Sponsored by Chorus**

#### **Kode Biotech – Kode Technology Anti-Cancer Treatment – Auckland**

Kode Biotech has been focused on the development of cell surface membrane modification technology in the fight against tumours. Synthetic animal antigens are used to modify the cancer cell surface membrane and encourage the body's natural immune response to attack the cancer tumour cells. Kode Biotech's lipid technology will be used in Agalimmune's clinical human trials of their cancer immunotherapy molecules in 2016.

#### **Highly Commended**

- OphthalmicDocs - oDocs Eye Care - East Coast

### **INNOVATION IN INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY & CLOUD SOLUTIONS -**

Sponsored by Alcatel Lucent

### **Kami – Auckland**

Kami (formerly Notable PDF) is an all-in-one online office suite developed to improve document workflow and to allow editing, annotating and collaborating on a wide range of documents such as PDFs and Microsoft Office. With the rapid uptake of Chromebooks as schools around the world move to paperless environments, Kami allows users to interact online with documents created in a variety of formats.

### **Highly Commended**

- VMob - Intelligent Personalisation Platform - Auckland

### **INNOVATION IN MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - Sponsored by Datamine**

#### **Karma Cola – Auckland**

All Good Organics built a Fair-trade relationship with Cola Nut farmers in Sierra Leone to develop a fair-trade Cola soft drink product from the Cola Nut - Karma Cola. The Karma Cola Foundation's integrity and socially responsible business model ensures that proceeds return to Sierra Leone to build independence and sustainability for cola farmers.

### **INNOVATION IN MEDIA, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT - Sponsored by RadioLIVE**

#### **8i – Wellington**

8i media technology and software allows anyone to convert standard digital video into 3D quickly and inexpensively. Augmented and Virtual Reality are the future of gaming, films and marketing, but such systems often use a single perspective, while 8i allows greater interaction with highly realistic 3D digital characters on a wide range of devices.

### **Highly Commended**

- Holmes Solutions - Revolutionising Adventure Recreation - Canterbury
- Clip 'N' Climb - Canterbury

### **INNOVATION IN SUSTAINABILITY & CLEANTECH - Sponsored by Yealands Family Wines**

#### **Terax 2013 – Waste Conversion Technology – Bay Of Plenty**

Urban bio-waste is difficult and expensive to dispose of due to environmental and contamination issues. Terax's waste conversion technology treats bio-waste as a recyclable resource. The cost-saving process reduces the wastewater, eliminates organic solids, sterilises them, and recovers useful components such as nitrogen and carbon for recycling.

### **EMERGING NEW ZEALAND INNOVATOR - Sponsored by Tangible Media**

#### **Weirdly – Auckland**

Weirdly has developed a product that helps companies recruit new team members based on how likely they are to love your business. It filters applicants based on core brand values, cultural fit and fulfilment. It is cheaper, and simpler, than traditional recruitment agencies and delivers a team who has a great fit with your organisational culture giving you a competitive advantage when attracting top talent.

### **INNOVATION EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH - Sponsored by 3M**

#### **Fonterra Research and Development Centre – Milk Fingerprinting – Manawatu-Wanganui**

The quality of milk can vary from farm to farm due to weather and seasons. Fonterra's world-first Milk Fingerprinting is new analytical technology that can rapidly measure milk samples and gather a unique fingerprint that can be used to cost-effectively guide tanker scheduling, milk

processing decisions, and enable Fonterra to extract the maximum value from dairy farmers' milk products.

#### **Highly Commended**

- Tiro Lifesciences - Zero Radiation Breast Screening - Canterbury

#### **EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL INNOVATION** - Sponsored by Yellow

##### **Eat My Lunch – Auckland**

Eat My Lunch is a social enterprise that has launched as a response to knowing that 1 in 4 children right here in New Zealand live in poverty and go without lunch every day. Customers go online to buy a nutritious lunch for themselves and a healthy lunch for a needy kid at the same time, on the principle of Buy One, Give One.

#### **Highly Commended**

- University of Auckland - SPARX - Auckland

#### **EXPORT INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR** - Sponsored by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE)

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#### **MOST INSPIRING INDIVIDUAL** - Sponsored by Real TV

##### **Glenn Martin – Founder Martin Jetpack – Canterbury**

Glenn Martin is the founder and former Director of Martin Jetpack. Science fiction created the futuristic concept of a jetpack more than 70 years ago, but engineering reality has only recently caught up. After spending 34 years inventing his jetpack, Martin has recently exited the company, which will release the first commercially available jetpack next year. The future has arrived, and the Martin Jetpack is a Kiwi innovation and engineering success.

#### **SUSTAINED INNOVATION EXCELLENCE** - Sponsored by New Zealand Innovation Council

##### **Scott Technology – Lamb Forequarter Cut Automation System – Otago**

SCOTT® Technology is widely recognised as a world-class innovator of advanced automation systems for meat processing, mining and the superconductor industries. From its original beginnings in 1905 and through many transformations it is now operating in 35 countries with a global team of 380 people. SCOTT Technologies holds innovation at its core and has been committed to growth and transformation through innovation for more than 110 years.

#### **YOUNG NEW ZEALAND INNOVATOR** - Sponsored by Auckland University of Technology (AUT)

##### **Auror Leadership Team – Auror Limited – Auckland**

Theft costs our businesses \$2million per day, however most are low value items and go unreported due to the cost and labour to report and follow up with police. The leadership team at Auror – Phil Thomson (CEO), Tom Batterbury (head of product), James Choi (CTO), and J'aime Laurenson (head of user experience) – have come up with a platform to help businesses report

crimes easily and quickly, connecting them with police, and letting them exchange information and alert other businesses in the area.

**Highly Commended**

- Alistar Scarfe - Robotics Plus - Bay of Plenty

**THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** - Sponsored by Idealog

**OphthalmicDocs – oDocs Eye Care – East Coast**

Emergency eye care diagnosis can be slow, unresponsive and expensive. oDocs has created a portable eye care kit that uses a 3D printer and a smartphone to create ocular imaging adaptors that take pictures of the eye and retina. The app sends medical information and eye images to the nearest available ophthalmologist, anywhere in the world, for fast diagnosis and treatment recommendations.

**SUPREME NEW ZEALAND INNOVATOR** - Sponsored by Bayer New Zealand

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