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## MiniFAB founder Erol Harvey honored by Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame

**Melbourne, Australia -- 8 MAY 2012 -** MiniFAB (AUST) Pty Ltd Founder and CEO, Erol Harvey, was named the 2012 <u>Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame</u>, <u>Enabling Technology Entrepreneur of the Year</u> award. This award recognises Dr. Harvey's contribution, leadership and achievements in embracing enabling technologies in manufacturing.

The Hon. Richard Dalla-Riva MLC, Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade announced the 2012 Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame winners at an awards ceremony on May 3, 2012. "We are assisting manufacturers to invest in technology to progress from medium enterprises to high-performance companies, working alongside our world-leading research institutions and also by offering support and assistance to enter new growth markets overseas," Mr Dalla-Riva said.

Dr Erol Harvey has been involved in the commercial and scientific development of micro and nano technology for over 20 years. In addition to founding MiniFAB in 2002 with Michael Wilkinson, Erol is a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. He has held a variety of roles in industry and academia, and founded the Australian CRC for microtechnology. He serves on a number of professional committees, including the Australian Federal Government's <a href="Future Manufacturing Industry Innovation Council">Future Manufacturing Industry Innovation Council</a> (FMIIC).

Erol's award comes one year after MiniFAB received the Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame's 2011 Enabling Technology Company of the Year for successfully building an international track record as a specialist in the design, integration and manufacture of polymer micro engineered systems.

## **About MiniFAB**

MiniFAB is an ISO 13485 certified, privately-held contract engineering firm providing custom development and manufacture of disposable polymer microengineered products. Established in 2002, MiniFAB has completed over 500 projects with partners worldwide. With a flexible and open engagement model, MiniFAB's product development process covers the entire spectrum, from converting early-stage product concepts into prototypes through to full-scale, high throughput OEM manufacturing. With a focus on lab-on-chip solutions for point-of-care, laboratory, and in-field applications, MiniFAB has delivered custom solutions into diverse markets including medical devices, diagnostics, food packaging and aerospace. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.minifab.com.au">www.minifab.com.au</a>.

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