

## COMBILIFT wins Irish Exporter of the Year 2015 Award

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The Irish Exporters Association (IEA), the voice of the export industry in Ireland, has awarded Monaghan-based forklift manufacturer Combilift **Exporter of the Year 2015** at the Irish Export Industry Awards. The Awards, in their 15<sup>th</sup> year, attracted over 500 guests to the Convention Centre Dublin, including Tom Hayes T.D., Minister of State for the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (keynote speaker), Senator Mary White, Ambassadors and Dignitaries General at the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, with Ivan Yates as MC.

The Export Industry Awards 2015 is the premier event recognising the remarkable achievements of companies working in the export industry in Ireland. 12 companies won individual category Awards across a range of sectors. Combilift took home the overall **Exporter of the Year Award 2015** after winning the **Multinational Exporter of the Year Award** category earlier in the evening.

Combilift developed the world's first IC engine-powered all-wheel-drive multidirectional forklift and today exports lifting machinery to over 75 countries. The firm formally inaugurated the construction process of its new €40 million manufacturing facility and global HQ in Monaghan this year, an expansion which will create 200 new jobs and position Combilift to double its current €150 million turnover by 2020.

Speaking at the Awards Ceremony, Hugh Kelly, President of the Irish Exporters Association said: *"The Irish Exporters Association Annual Awards are so important because they acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the most important sector in Ireland's economy. The*

*unwavering commitment of our exporters to delivering world-class customer service and solutions has played a significant role in our economic recovery.”*

*“We are delighted to announce Combilift as the winner of the overall Exporter of the Year 2015. Since it was established in 1998 by Martin McVicar and Robert Moffet, Combilift has grown to become a global leader in its field. The standard of Award entrants this year was higher than ever before but our judges were struck by the energy, ability and ambition of Combilift’s management and employees to deliver strong results, year after year. They commended the continuous innovation evident in the company’s product range, its standards of excellence in manufacturing and its contributions as a substantial employer in Monaghan. We wish Combilift every success in the years to come.”*

**Other category winners included:**

Maritime Services Company of the Year sponsored by Irish Maritime Development Office – *Irish Continental Group, Container & Terminal Division, Dublin*

Logistics Company of the Year sponsored by Rosslare Europort –

*GEODIS Ireland, Dublin*

Photo Caption: Tom Hayes T.D., Minister of State for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin McVicar – MD Combilift – Winner Exporter of the Year Award 2015, Beatrice Cosgrove – Eithad Airways, sponsor of the overall Exporter of the Year Award 2015, Hugh Kelly President Irish Exporters Association