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Industry prize

Monaghan firm wins award for exporter of the year

Monaghan forklift manufacturer, Comblift, has won the 2015 Exporter of the Year Award, organised by the Irish Exporters' Association. Comblift exports to 135 countries. It formally inaugurated the construction of a new €40 million HQ in Monaghan this year, which will lead to 200 new jobs and position it to double its €150 million turnover by 2020. The company was established in 1998 by Martin McVicar and Robert Moffet.

Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Tom Hayes, spoke at the

■ Hugh Kelly of the Irish Exporters' Association (right) with Martin McVicar, Comblift. Winners of the 2015 Exporter of the Year award.

event about the critical role of the exporting sector.

The latest CSO figures, published yesterday show exports in September were €8.76 billion, an increase of 5 per cent on the same month last year. Exports of medical and pharmaceutical products grew 14 per cent to €2.3 billion in September from last year.