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Costa Logistics named top transport and logistics provider

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Costa Logistics staff across its five sites around the country are celebrating after being named Australia's Top Transport and Logistics provider by the highly regarded Mercury Awards.

The company, one of Australia's leading providers of third party logistics services, was also High Commended in the Logistics Leader category.

Costa Logistics was awarded for three reasons:

1. Promotion of its staff program People First which contributed to a productivity rise from 105% in 2007-08 to 109% in 2008-09
2. Staff absenteeism dropped from 5.2% to 4.1%
3. Staff turnover reduced from 3.5% to 2.8%

Costa Logistics Chief Executive Tim Bolam said industry recognition was proof that the programs in place were working.

"People First is a program the company has been committed to for a long time. We take time to find the right people and then take time to look after them from a professional development perspective," he said.

Costa Logistics' national headquarters are at Derrimut. It also has distribution centres in Eastern Creek in Sydney, Parkinson in Brisbane, its Jandakot facility in Perth and Devonport in Tasmania. Overall Costa Logistics employs 500 people.

Each year Costa Logistics receives and delivers more than 100 million units of product – mainly produce bound for supermarkets around the country.

The three judges of the Mercury Awards were:

- Phil Lumsden, NSW Manager for DHL Global Forwarding
- Rob O'Byrne, Founder and Group Managing Director of Logistics Bureau
- Marcel Sieira, GS1 Australia's General Manager of Sales and Business Development

Costa Logistics is part of the Costa Group of Companies, a company of more than 8,000 employees across 50 locations and an annual turnover of \$1.4 billion.

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About Costa Logistics

Costa Logistics is one of Australia's leading supply chain organisations working with supermarkets, manufacturers, growers and importers. Its expertise is in the development and management of supply chain solutions for temperature controlled and ambient products. It has major distribution centres in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Devonport utilised by major manufacturers and retailers. Costa Logistics has built its reputation on class-leading safety and a unique culture built on values, safety and satisfaction. Costa Logistics is a division of the Costa Group of Companies. The Costa Group is one of Australia's largest diversified family companies with operations in grain and fresh produce as well as third party logistics. It has annual revenue of \$1.4 billion and more than 8,000 employees in nearly 50 locations around the country. For more information go to www.costalogistics.com.au