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Schiavello scoops Master Builders Awards for its new headquarters

Schiavello is proud to announce its recent wins at the Master Builder's Association of Victoria (MBAV) Awards for Excellence in Construction 2006. The awards were announced at a presentation evening held on Saturday, 1 July 2006 at the Grand Hyatt, Melbourne.

The Schiavello Group was awarded three prestigious awards for the design and construction of its recently completed Corporate Headquarters, Tullamarine, Victoria, including: Excellence in Shop and Office Fitout, Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$20 million - \$30 million, and the esteemed Master Builder of the Year Award [builders Crema Camillio + Schiavello].

In announcing Crema Camillo and Schiavello as the Master Builder of the Year, association executive director Brian Welsh said the construction of the Schiavello Group's Headquarters in Tullamarine was an example of how advanced the Victorian building industry had become – displaying innovation and the highest possible levels of workmanship.

Mr Welsh said Schiavello Group's new headquarters was an energy efficient design that used new technology and quality finishes – a shining example of how Victoria was at the cutting edge of modern construction.

"This stunning building is a fine example of world's best practice in building," he said.

Schiavello's managing director, Tony Schiavello, said the awards for the Schiavello headquarters facility are a reflection of what Schiavello do for its client's everyday.

The new Schiavello Group headquarters facility, which was officially opened by the Premier of Victoria, The Hon. Steve Bracks MP on Friday 9 December, has been designed to provide a healthy and comfortable working environment for its employees.

"[The opening of this facility] is a great occasion because we are not just

celebrating the success of one of the industry's world-class performers; we are also celebrating what that success shows. The ongoing success – and ongoing commitment – of the Schiavello Group is such an inspiration,” said the Premier Mr. Bracks.

“The manufacturing sector in general – and the \$3 billion furniture manufacturing sector in particular – needs icons like Schiavello. We need to be reminded that Victorian manufacturing can be – and is – world class. Just as this new facility is world class,” he said.

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Schiavello's new headquarters embodies the company's unique culture and people and is designed to communicate its core values and vision to be the world's most respected specialist in advanced workspace design, technology, environment and construction.

The new four-level purpose-built building provides an exciting contrast to the company's surrounding manufacturing facilities and the interior serves as a platform to showcase all Schiavello products.

“Schiavello's forward thinking culture and workplace products formed the design approach,” explained Tony Schiavello.

The main office complex comprises three inter-connected environments: the work space [workstations, glass offices + formal meeting rooms], exhibition space [showroom], and life space [breakout areas, café, gym, + crèche].

Consistent with Schiavello's commitment to environmental sustainability, the project has been designed to achieve a 5 Star rating under the Green Star Office Interiors criteria.

“Although impressive, this workspace is not definitive, offering only one interpretation in an endless sea of possibilities,” added Tony Schiavello. “This is a laboratory; an exploratory platform from which to continue to innovate and evolve future workspaces. Peter Schiavello

“The outcome of this environment challenges the senses for the visitor with every experience. This is an organic space that articulates a way of doing business that is deeply entrenched in the company's history and shared values that personifies the whole organisation”. Peter Schiavello

Schiavello (established in 1966) is internationally renowned for their design, engineering and manufacture of furniture such as workstations, seating, storage, partitions and occasional furniture. A top 200 private Australian company, Schiavello also offers a complete interior construction service (including joinery, signage and IT solutions), as well as project, construction and sub-contractor management for commercial, healthcare, hospitality, education, retail and living environments.

