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**FROM ROBOTS TO GREEN TECH:
23 AUSTRALIAN ICT INNOVATORS CHOSEN TO COMPETE AT TECH23 2010**

23 innovative and exciting ICT companies have been selected to showcase their new technologies at this year's Tech23.

The 23 young Australian ICT companies will present to Tech23's panels of industry leaders – made up of some of Australia's leading investors and entrepreneurs – in front of an audience of over 400 attendees from government, research institutions and industry, as well as media and customers.

Tech23 will set the stage for the future of Australian ICT innovation, with the 23 companies offering a range of innovative solutions, including: assistive technology for the disabled, brain health diagnostics, robotics, energy management software, collaborative ebook reading software and spacecraft control software. The 23 companies are listed below, and more information can be found at www.tech23.com.au.

Rachel Slattery, Director of SlatteryIT – the organisers behind Tech23 – said that some of the 23 companies are commercialising technology developed in Australian R&D organisations such as CSIRO (BuildingIQ), NICTA (BrainGauge), University of Sydney (Aviator Controls) and Curtin University (iCentana).

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Tech23's industry leaders include entrepreneur/investor Roger Allen; past CIO of Qantas and Telstra Fiona Balfour; Chris Beare of Radiata fame; Scott Farquhar, co-founder & CEO, Atlassian who just received over \$60million from US VC, Accel Partners; Martin Hosking, Chairman of Aconex and one of the founders of Looksmart; Ryan Junee, who recently sold his company Omnisio to Google; Deepak Natarajan, Managing Director, Intel Capital; Anthony Pascoe, CEO, Lend Lease Ventures and Emmanuel Rodriguez, Government CIO, NSW Department of Services, Technology and Administration.



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– Rachel Slattery
Director, SlatteryIT

Tech23 takes place on Thursday, 19th August, 2010, in Sydney. The 23 companies selected will compete for \$150,000 in prizes from Industry & Investment NSW, as well as a host of supporter prizes. Industry & Investment NSW's Innovation Pathways Prizes will be awarded at the Tech23 Awards Presentation event, taking place after Tech23 on Thursday 19th August, 2010.

Tech23 2010 is sponsored by Industry & Investment NSW, Australian Technology Showcase and AusIndustry, and supported by AIMIA, ANZA Technology Network and AVCAL.



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More information on Tech23 and the companies, the prizes and the industry leaders are available at www.tech23.com.au.

The Tech23 companies are:

- » Aviator Controls (<http://services.eng.uts.edu.au/~htn/health.html>)
- » biNu (www.binu.net)
- » BrainGauge (www.braingauge.com.au)
- » BuildingIQ (www.buildingiq.com)
- » Ceebron (www.smart-trace.com)
- » Cocoon Data (www.cocoondata.com)
- » Controlabill (www.controlabill.com)
- » EventZero (www.greentrac.com)
- » iCetana (www.icetana.com.au)
- » Marathon Robotics (www.marathon-robotics.com)
- » Neural Diagnostics (www.neuraldiagnosics.com)
- » Ocular Robotics (www.ocularrobotics.com)
- » Platform46 (www.platform46.com)
- » Portable (www.portable.tv)
- » Punchcard (www.punchcard.com.au)
- » ReadCloud (www.readcloud.com)
- » Saber Astronautics Australia (www.saberastro.com)
- » Scalify (www.badumna.com)
- » Scanalyse (www.scanalyse.com.au)
- » Solar-Gem (www.solar-gem.asia)
- » SolveXia (www.solvexia.com)
- » Taggle Systems (www.taggle.com.au)
- » VastPark (www.vastpark.com)