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Online Council Ministers meet to discuss ICT issues and trends... and are invited to gain first hand insight into Western Australia's innovation in ICT

Australian state and territory government representatives from ICT portfolios today took part in an industry visit designed to highlight the innovation and leading edge technology of Western Australian ICT companies.

The government representatives were in Perth for the Online Council Meeting - the peak ministerial forum across governments for consultation and coordination on the information economy.

Held at Perth's Technology Park, the industry visit was hosted by local ICT companies ISA Technologies, Jumbo Vision and Fractal Technologies.

Members of the Online Council comprise Senator the Hon Helen Coonan,, Australian Government Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Chairman), a senior Minister from each State and Territory and the President of the Australian Local Government Association. Meetings are held in each State and Territory.

ISA Technologies and Jumbo Vision have an established, collaborative partnership that delivers visualisation research and demonstration facilities to local, national and international industries.

Visiting dignitaries were invited to tour ISA / Jumbo Vision 'Visualisation Laboratory' to gain a first hand, '3D' insight into the ways in which high performance computing can be used to assist research and commercial organisations to improve their service offerings and thereby increase revenue.

During their tour of the facility, the ISA / Jumbo Vision team showed the visiting party a 3D image of the inner workings of a human body; software that enables the remote delivery of 3D images; and how the use of 'haptic' devices can provide users with a total sensory experience; while Fractal Technologies demonstrated their 3D visualisation and data management technology, using a 3D model of Tasmania.

The industry visit enabled each company to highlight the ways in which they work collaboratively with other companies in Western Australia, across the eastern states of Australia and on an international level; and in doing so, have assisted to bring both innovation and growth to the ICT industry of Australia.

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Further information about each company and pictures can be made available to interested media.

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ISA Technologies

Established in 1987, ISA Technologies is a specialised information technology company that offers a range of industry leading ICT products and services which enable clients to 'turn ideas into reality'.

With offices in Perth, Australia and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ISA's business focus extends across the entire Asia Pacific region, where the company has a large number of corporate and government clients.

ISA offers world class expertise across a myriad of ICT areas, ranging from High Performance Computing and Visualisation, network design, infrastructure management support and outsourcing, to implementation and management, e-business systems and software engineering, including enterprise software design and solutions development.

ISA is also involved in product research and development in areas as diverse as bioinformatics, geophysics, fluid dynamics and image processing and recognition.

Jumbo Vision

Established in 1991, Jumbo Vision International Pty Ltd designs and manufactures a range of large screen information and entertainment digital display systems.

Over the past three years Jumbo Vision has become the leading Virtual Reality Systems Integrator in Australia. As a result of intense R & D activities, the company has developed a range of leading edge 3D Stereo Displays and other immersive technologies.

Jumbo Vision is based in Western Australia, with distribution in Australasia and Europe. The company's current clientele includes large international Oil & Gas companies, Government departments, Universities, Museums and Galleries.

Fractal Technologies

Fractal Technologies Pty Ltd was borne of Fractal Graphics, a leading geoscientific consultancy established in 1992. Fractal Graphics built a world-class reputation as leaders in the application of 3-dimensional visualisation technology as applied to the interpretation of complex geoscientific models.

Today, Fractal Technologies develop 3-dimensional data management and visualisation software for the geosciences. The group also provides services in the areas of custom software development, training, database creation, and data validation.