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# UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP CEO NAMED REGIONAL FINALIST IN THE 2016 AUSTRALIAN EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ AWARDS

Universal Communications Group Ltd (UCG) is pleased to announce that Rafael (Ralf) Luna has been named a regional finalist in the 2016 EY Entrepreneur of the Year awards. Ralf joins other outstanding entrepreneurs from across Australia who will compete for the ultimate prize of being named 2016 Australian EY Entrepreneur of the Year.

UCG was founded by current CEO Rafael Luna in 1995. At the time it was formed to service the burgeoning subscription TV industry, which was just starting in Australia. Eventually UCG consolidated its role to become the national field services provider to Austar Limited, then the largest subscription television operator in regional and rural Australia. Today UCG is a leading broadband network design, construction and provisioning services organisation - operating in both Australia and New Zealand.

As Ralf stated "UCG's people are fundamental to the success of our business, and all are hand-picked. Ours is a people-oriented business that thrives on good relationships, both within the business and with our clients. We run an equal employment opportunity business and our crew on average is young, energetic and multi-cultural with a few "grey-hairs" lending their knowledge. It is the daily dedication exhibited by our team that contributes to our success".

Ralf will join his fellow regional finalists at the regional award ceremony this August in Brisbane where regional finalists will be announced.

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## ABOUT EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

*EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The program makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential, and recognises the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The*

*Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognising them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in over 60 countries.*

*The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year program, launched in Australia in 2001, is one of the country's leading business awards programs. It has so far recognised over 1,400 leading Australians for their entrepreneurial business success and each year, through its global program, acknowledges thousands of entrepreneurs worldwide. Founded and produced by EY, the program in Australia is sponsored by Commonwealth Bank (Principal sponsor), Qantas (Sponsor) and Austrade (Supporter).*

*Further information about the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year program can be found at [ey.com/au/eoy](http://ey.com/au/eoy)*