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Winners Of The New Zealand Institute Of Chartered Accountants 2009 Leadership Awards

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"I am proud to congratulate Kevin Brady, Warwick Hunt and Leon Wijohn as winners of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants 2009 Leadership Awards," Terry McLaughlin, Chief Executive, New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants, said today.

"These extraordinary leaders have excelled in their accountancy careers, their businesses and in their services to the community."

"Kevin Brady has been awarded the Outstanding Service to the Profession Award. Kevin has recently retired after 38 years in the Auditor-General's office, the last seven years as Controller and Auditor-General. He served this role with impeccable integrity and professionalism."

"Warwick Hunt has won the Chartered Accountant of the Year Award. Warwick led PricewaterhouseCoopers to major business success in New Zealand and is now leading the Middle East region. Warwick's leadership has been industry-wide, including chairing the Accounting Standards Review Board."

"Leon Wijohn has won the Outstanding New Member Award. Leon started his Chartered Accounting business four years ago and now has over 300 clients. He specialises in working with small business, Maori Trusts and Maori-owned operations." said Mr McLaughlin. The Institute's President Linda Turner presented the awards to Warwick Hunt and Leon Wijohn at a gala dinner in Wellington tonight. (Kevin Brady is currently overseas.)

The Minister of Commerce, Hon. Simon Power, presented the winners of the annual report awards. These awards recognize organisations that have excelled at reporting their achievements to stakeholders, investors and the public.

Mr McLaughlin said the commitment to preparing a good annual report is a strong indicator that the organisation has an equally strong commitment to sound performance.

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"Congratulations to The New Zealand Refining Company Limited, Watercare Services Limited and the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation for winning the annual report awards and going the extra mile to communicate their organisation's performance."

"I congratulate all of the winners. I would also like to acknowledge all of the finalists and entrants for the 2009 Leadership Awards," said Mr McLaughlin.