

Australian technology wins Transport Project of the Year

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A new Australian transport technology that hauls bulk commodities above ground has won Transport Project of the Year at the International Transport Awards Ceremony.

The win saw String Transport Systems (STS) take out the prestigious Golden Chariot Award at the 7th International Transport Awards Ceremony in Moscow.

The advisory council for the award praised STS for its unique, innovative sustainable transport system for bulk commodity haulage.

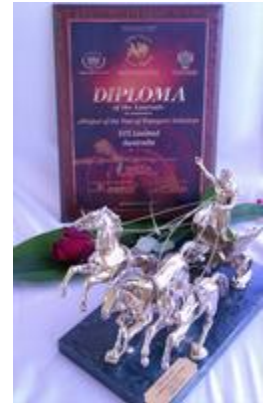
STS is in the process of commercialising its String Transport System for mining and freight applications. The system uses a fully automated, elevated track structure that protects and preserves the natural environment with low noise and vibrations and no obstruction to fauna.

The company says a String Transport System can be built for approximately 50% of existing railway construction costs.

On winning the award, STS director business development Michael McBride said it was pleasing to see the international transport industry recognise the company's work.

"The benefits of our system are numerous with low capital costs, low operating costs and significant reduction in environmental damage. The systems for mining and freight applications will realise significant cost reductions, energy savings and carbon emissions reductions," McBride said.

McBride told *Rail Express* in March that industry interest for the product had been particularly strong in Western Australia, where junior miners said that the system could be used for long and short haulage.



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