



NEWS RELEASE

Axalta and WorldSkills Australia Renew Partnership to Advance Refinish Professionals

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SYDNEY--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE: AXTA), a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, announced a new two-year alliance as a Gold Partner with WorldSkills Australia, a non-profit organization focused on skills excellence in vocational, technological, and service-oriented careers in Australia. The renewal coincides with a celebration of a 10-year partnership between Axalta and WorldSkills that began in 2007.

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Pictured: The 2016 WorldSkills National Competitors. As a Gold Partner to WorldSkills Australia, Axalta will support both the Regional and National Competitions through the supply of Axalta's Standoblue® refinish products and the new generation of Sagola® spray guns.

(Photo: Axalta)

Axalta's commitment to WorldSkills Australia as a Gold Partner will support both the Regional and National Competitions through the supply

of Axalta's Standoblue® refinish products, the latest in waterborne coating technology, and the new generation of Sagola® spray guns, for which Axalta is the sole importer in Australia.

"At Axalta, we are passionate about the refinish industry, and we are driven by the desire to secure its future through the promotion of both sustainable practices and skills development in young professionals," said Paul Polverino, National Training Manager of Axalta Australia. "This is very important to us, as there are fewer young people entering the refinish industry than ever before – and we are committed to supporting events and initiatives that promote the industry's productivity and capabilities."

For more than 10 years, in collaboration with WorldSkills Australia, Axalta has strived to mentor up and coming talent by offering resources such as product training, exposure to the latest work practices and sustainable techniques, problem solving strategies, teamwork development, and leadership skills.

WorldSkills Australia regional competitions are held across Australia, with each event designed to help participants improve skills, build confidence, and benefit from exposure to the latest technology and techniques. Those interested in attending this year's WorldSkills Australia can register today at www.worldskills.org.au/regionals.

About Axalta Coating Systems

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, buildings and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coat to last longer. With more than 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, the approximately 13,000 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our 100,000+ customers in more than 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit axalta.com and follow us @Axalta on **Twitter** and on **LinkedIn**.

About WorldSkills Australia

WorldSkills Australia, a not-for-profit organisation, is a united voice for skills excellence in vocational, technological and service oriented careers in Australia. We recognise that the vocational education and training sector is central to Australia's economic growth, productivity and future employment outcomes. For more information visit www.worldskills.org.au

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