

Austin Engineering Business Update New Management for Western Australia Operation

Brisbane, 17 September 2004: Austin Engineering Limited (ASX Trading code: **ANG**) today announced two key appointments for its Western Australia operation, John's Engineering.

The position of **General Manager - John's Engineering** has been awarded to **Mr Paul Clarke**.

Mr Clarke's formal qualifications include a Mechanical Engineering Diploma from Cape Technikon, South Africa. Most of Mr Clarke's experience has been gained with the international construction company, CBI Constructors Pty Ltd. During his time with CBI, Mr Clarke worked in South Africa as a field engineer on the Saldanha Steel COREX Plant and then in Dubai as the estimator for local projects. He was then promoted to the position of Contract Development Manager for the region. Mr Clarke was then responsible for CBI's fabrication sub-contracts on the Comalco Alumina Refinery in Gladstone. Upon the successful completion of the project he was transferred to Perth, where he was responsible for the management of all subcontracts.

Mr Clarke brings particular expertise to John's Engineering in the fields of contract management, estimation and business development. He will commence employment with the company on 11 October 2004.

The position of **Financial Controller - John's Engineering** has been awarded to **Mr Tommy Koh**.

Mr Koh is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (U.K) and he is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries (Australia). Mr Koh has considerable experience encompassing financial control and systems development in a number of companies including Walkers-EDI, Sandvik Materials Handling, ACME Group and TL Engineering. Mr Koh commenced employment with the company on 6 September 2004.

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About Austin Engineering: Austin Engineering Limited is an engineering company with manufacturing facilities in Brisbane and Perth. The Brisbane facility provides fabrication facilities servicing the mining, oil, gas and industrial sectors. Key product lines include structural steel, piping, mineral processing equipment, potshells and superstructures. The Perth facility designs and manufactures products used in the resources industry including dump truck bodies, excavator buckets, materials handling equipment and large service vehicles. Austin own rights to innovative welding processes which are being introduced to improve welding productivity, coupled with robotic applications to suit product lines, general fabrications and any repetitive production processes.