

New Orders Create High Level of Activity in Second-Half of Financial Year

Brisbane, 15 December 2004: Austin Engineering Limited (ASX Trading code: **ANG**) today announced that it had secured a contract worth around \$4.2million for the supply of structural steel to the Barclay Mowlem/Roberts & Schaefer joint venture for the Blackwater CHPP project.

The delivery of completed steelwork for the project is expected to take place from February to June 2005. The timing of the project will enable the Queensland manufacturing facility to remain at full capacity following the completion of the steelwork for the Caltex Clean Fuels project, which is currently underway. Further packages of work for the Blackwater CHPP project are also being discussed with the client.

Chairman, Peter Fitch, commented "This new order, together with orders for existing minerals processing-related products and committed orders on the John's Engineering range of products, recently introduced to the Queensland operations, will result in near-full capacity utilisation in the Queensland manufacturing facility in the second half of the current financial year.

In addition, based on current tendering activity and on-going discussions with clients, we are expecting further orders which may require the company to expand its Queensland operations into additional manufacturing facilities. Further, our West Australian operation, John's Engineering, is continuing to perform at levels above our expectations and current indications show that it will have good levels of productive activity in the second half of the current financial year."

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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.