

Profit up 76% and maiden dividend declared

Brisbane, 31 August 2005: Austin Engineering Limited (ASX Trading code: **ANG**) today announced a net profit after tax of \$1.189 million for the year ended 30 June 2005, representing an increase of 76% over the NPAT of \$0.676 million for the previous financial year.

As a result, the company has declared its maiden dividend of 1.0 cents per share fully franked for the financial year ending 30 June 2005. The dividend record date will be on 23 September 2005 and the dividend will be paid on 16 December 2005.

Peter Fitch, the Chairman of Austin Engineering Ltd stated that the 2004/2005 financial year has been a significant year of development for the company including the successful establishment of an operational base in Western Australia through the acquisition of John's Engineering.

For more detailed information regarding the company's performance for the 2004/2005 financial year, please see the company's preliminary final report for the year ended 30 June 2005 that is disclosed hereto.

Other details from the company's preliminary final report follow:

	Increase (decrease) (%)	2005	2004
Revenue	146%	38,327,370	15,533,234
PBT	77%	1,629,420	919,523
NPAT	76%	1,189,911	676,234
Basic earnings per share	76%	3.33c	1.89c
Return on net assets*	8%	31%	23%
Dividend	N/A	1.0c	N/A

* return on net assets is defined as profit before tax expressed in relation to the average level of net assets.

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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.