

Austin Engineering Appoints New Non-Executive Director

Brisbane, 15 December 2008: Austin Engineering Limited (ASX Trading code: **ANG**) today announces that it has appointed Mr Paul Reading as a Non-Executive Director from 1 January 2009.

Mr Reading is an experienced company Director who has sat on a number of Boards both in Australia and overseas. Mr Reading has a financial background and his executive career was spent in the manufacturing and heavy engineering industries.

The Chairman of Austin Engineering Mr Peter Fitch welcomed the appointment and said "Paul Reading will add to the versatility and experience of the Board at a time when the company is pursuing further growth both domestically and internationally".

For questions on the above, please contact Michael Buckland or Colin Anderson on +61 7 3271 2622.

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About Austin Engineering: Austin Engineering Limited is an engineering company with manufacturing facilities in Australia and the USA. The Australian facilities manufacture, assemble and overhaul products used in the mining and resources sector. Key product lines include dump truck bodies, large service vehicles, excavator buckets, materials handling equipment, mineral processing equipment as well as large structural steel projects. The USA facility (Westech) based in Casper, Wyoming, services the North and South American mining markets and is an industry-leading designer and manufacturer of specialised lightweight dump truck bodies. Austin also own rights to innovative welding processes which have been introduced to improve welding productivity, coupled with robotic applications to suit product lines, general fabrications and any repetitive production processes.

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Initial Director's Interest Notice

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity	Austin Engineering Limited
ABN	60 078 480 136

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

Name of Director	Paul Reading
Date of appointment	1 January 2009

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Number & class of securities
Nil

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Part 2 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest	Number & class of Securities
Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest. Nil	Nil

Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Detail of contract	Nil
Nature of interest	Nil
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	Nil
No. and class of securities to which interest relates	Nil

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.