

New Repair and Maintenance Contract for Austin Engineering Chile

Brisbane, 7 August 2013: The Directors of Austin Engineering Limited (ASX trading code: **ANG**) are pleased to announce the award of a new contract with one of our large mining customers in Chile.

Austin Ingenieros Chile ("Austin Engineering Chile") has been successful in securing a three-year contract for on-site services and off-site repairs on dump truck trays, buckets and other mobile equipment for Codelco's Ministro Hales mine. Codelco is the state-owned copper mining company of Chile and Ministro Hales is its new multi-billion dollar copper and silver operation located near Calama in northern Chile. The mine has substantial reserves and an expected open-pit operating life of at least fourteen years. The contract also has a one-year extension period, subject to satisfactorily meeting key performance indicators. The contract will commence during August 2013 and the scope of it is expected to grow as it progresses.

Managing Director Michael Buckland said "The success in securing this new contract confirms the strategic importance of expanding into this key mining region following the acquisition of the V&V business in January 2012. Since then the objective has been to expand the existing mine site-focussed equipment hire and rental operation into a complete service offering, including on-site maintenance and off-site mining equipment repairs. This contract will increase the revenue and profit contribution of our Calama-based business, which is also the Austin group's highest margin business. The Company is also in discussions with other mining customers and operations in the area on other contracts of a similar nature".

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About Austin Engineering: Austin Engineering Limited is an engineering company with manufacturing facilities in Australia, the USA, South America, Indonesia and the Middle East. The Australian facilities manufacture, assemble, repair and maintain (on and off-site) 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, industrial radiator and cooling products as well as large structural steel projects. The USA facility (Westech) based in Casper, Wyoming, services the North American mining markets and is an industry-leading designer and manufacturer of specialised lightweight dump truck bodies. The operations located in Chile, Peru, Colombia and Indonesia manufacture dump truck bodies and other mining products for their respective markets. The Middle East operation principally services the aluminium smelter industries in the region. Austin also own rights to innovative welding processes which have been introduced to improve welding productivity. Robotic welding systems are also used for product lines, general fabrications and repetitive production processes. For more information visit www.austineng.com.au.