

**CARDNO ACQUIRES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING COMPANY**

International infrastructure and environment services group, Cardno Limited (ASX: CDD) today announced the acquisition of the Humphreys Reynolds Perkins (HRP) group of companies, a 62 person town planning consultancy based in Brisbane, Queensland. The acquisition includes the Chenoweth Environmental Planning & Landscape Architecture (CEPLA) business which is a subsidiary of HRP.

The acquisition is expected to contribute approximately \$11 million in annual revenue and \$3 million in EBIT and be earnings per share accretive in FY12. Cardno will pay \$13.25 million for HRP and the transaction will be effective from 1 November.

Cardno's objective in acquiring HRP is to continue the strategy of diversification to facilitate further growth and cross selling with the Company's well established Queensland multidisciplinary consultancy services in the transport, urban infrastructure and resources markets. The new businesses will be branded Cardno HRP and Cardno Chenoweth.

The Managing Director of Cardno, Andrew Buckley said, "HRP has developed an outstanding reputation in the Queensland market for 25 years and is now one of Australia's largest and most respected planning practices. HRP will strengthen the diversification of our services, initially in Queensland through its Brisbane, Mackay, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast offices, and ultimately around Australia".

"HRP brings to Cardno new complementary skills that will unlock significant two-way cross selling opportunities with our existing business" he added.

HRP and CEPLA undertake project work for a diverse range of both public and private sector clients delivering services in statutory, strategic and environmental planning. They manage all aspects of the land use planning process, prepare strategic planning documents for government and provide expert testimony before the Courts.

Jeff Humphreys, founding partner and Director of HRP, said that they were enthusiastic about the acquisition by Cardno as it will enable HRP to strengthen services to new and existing clients, gain leverage from Cardno's existing disciplines, and work in new areas drawing on Cardno's broad geographic presence.

The acquisition will be funded by an approximate mix of 75% cash and 25% shares. Around 620,000 shares will be issued at a price of \$5.34. The cash component will be funded from available cash and debt facilities.

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