

BRIEFING NOTES

We are pleased to announce the merger of Alexander Browne Cambridge and the Cardno Group.

Alexander Browne Cambridge was founded in 1934 and has developed a highly regarded engineering practice in civil, structural and planning services for Institutional, Commercial, Community and Industrial buildings. Since 1991 Alexander Browne Cambridge have undertaken the engineering design of 80% of the private hospital development in South East Queensland which amounts to \$1.5B in development.

The Cardno Group is a provider of world class engineering, environmental and management services throughout Australia and the Asian region. The Group has a network of offices located in Brisbane, Sydney, the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Wide Bay, Townsville, Cairns, Central Coast (Gosford), Castle Hill, Canberra, Portland (Oregon, USA), Orangeville (Ontario, Canada), and Port Moresby, as well as a project office in Sri Lanka.

Recent notable projects have included the elevated Roadway at Sydney Airport, the Lae City Water Supply Project in Papua New Guinea, the Tweed Sand Bypassing System at the Tweed River on the Gold Coast, Pelican Waters Golf Course and Residential Estate on the Sunshine Coast, Casuarina Beach in Northern New South Wales, the Bolte Bridge over the Yarra River in Melbourne, Gold Coast City Marina, The Strand in Townsville and BBC Hardwarehouses in NSW, Victoria, Qld and the ACT.

The merger of the two consulting groups completes another significant step in Cardno's strategy to build a strong Australian and international presence that will enhance the ability of the group to compete successfully with the larger national and international engineering groups. Alexander Browne Cambridge's strengths in the structural and civil engineering fields will now be combined with Cardno's own considerable experience to offer all clients an expanded range of high quality services in these fields.

Alexander Browne Cambridge's existing clients will gain access to the extensive services offered by the wider group particularly in the areas of urban, civil, and structural engineering, water and wastewater and asset management. Of interest to some clients is Cardno's overseas experience where the group has completed work on many government funded, privately funded and aid funded projects in countries such as PNG, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Malaysia, India, China, Fiji, New Zealand, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Thailand and South Africa.

As a combined group, clients can now access the full range of structural, civil, environmental, water and wastewater, asset management and project management services both in Australia and throughout the Asia Pacific region and beyond. The group has more than 550 professional, technical and support staff.

The existing office of Alexander Browne Cambridge will carry the Cardno Alexander Browne name while existing offices of Cardno will continue to carry the Cardno name. Cardno Alexander Browne operations will be managed by the former Directors of Alexander, Browne, Cambridge, (Bob Cambridge, Mark Hickey and Geoff Hadwen) with overall management by Stuart Angus from Cardno MBK. The Managing Director of the entire Cardno Group is Andrew Buckley (ph 07 3369 9822) and the Chairman is Dick Kell A.M (ph 02 9496 7700).

This exciting merger expands the range of services offered to all existing Clients throughout Australia and overseas and provides existing and new Clients with a "one-stop" shop for all engineering services.