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**CARDNO'S ACQUISITION BOOSTS CAPACITY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Cardno Limited (ASX: CDD) has today announced the acquisition of Perth-based structural engineers, Saraceni Engineering Group. The acquisition further strengthens Cardno's presence and capability in Western Australia increasing staff numbers in the state to around 100.

Andrew Buckley, Managing Director of Cardno said the Saraceni Engineering Group is a welcome addition to Cardno as it enhances the skills of the existing Western Australian team.

"Saraceni Engineering is renowned for handling complex and difficult structural solutions and the business has built its reputation around lightweight structural design," said Mr Buckley

"This is our eleventh acquisition since listing in May 2004 and the second in Western Australia within 12 months."

Cardno's expansion strategy ensures that added capacity and resourcing is delivered in growing markets such as Western Australia. The Saraceni addition will allow Cardno to offer more services to existing clients and also for Saraceni Engineering Group clients.

The new firm, to be known as Cardno Saraceni, and its eight staff will add significant structural capability to Cardno's operations in Western Australia.

Saraceni Engineering Group was established by Frank Saraceni in 1990. The group is well known as a structural practice and has significant experience in the commercial building sector as well as experience in the design of bridges, shopping centres and apartment blocks.

John King, Cardno's Western Australian Division Manager said the purchase of Saraceni Engineering Group presented a great opportunity to join with an experienced structural team with significant future work commitments.

"Saraceni are currently designing four multi-storey buildings in Perth's CBD including Raine Square a 27 level landmark commercial and retail complex," said Mr King.

Mr King said that with major clients such as Woolworths, Coles Myer, Saville, Diploma Pro-Build, Saraceni Properties and Clough Engineering, the Saraceni Engineering Group is well respected.

Saraceni's significant previous projects include the Boeing 737 Hangar complex at Perth Domestic Airport; Warwick Cinema Complex; Stirling Shopping Centre, the Woolworths development in Perth's Hay Street Mall and facility buildings for two gas plants in Pakistan.

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