

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

17 October 2006

### **Cardno's move to Ballina**

Engineering consultancy Cardno has recently opened an office in Ballina to service the growing urban development and engineering opportunities in the area.

When asked why Ballina was chosen, Cardno's Division Manager Paul Gardiner said the answer was simple, stating the Ballina office would complement Cardno's existing coverage of New South Wales already provided by the firm's Gold Coast, Gosford, Wollongong, Newcastle, Sydney and Canberra offices.

"An office in Ballina will allow Cardno to work on developments throughout northern New South Wales.

"It is important to have a local office. Experience has shown clients are more comfortable working with, and get better outcomes from firms with local knowledge rather than relying on location-based project teams from capital cities," said Mr. Gardiner.

The Ballina office is managed by Robbie Marshall who has more than 12 years experience in urban development and engineering. Mr. Marshall knows the region well and has worked on developments including SALT at Kingscliff and Casuarina Beach. Many of Mr. Marshall's projects have become award winners – recognised for their ability to achieve cutting edge environmental outcomes whilst reducing infrastructure costs.

"A challenge over the past decade has been to introduce new standards in urban development. Developers and the community are becoming more environmentally aware. Communities are now responsive to sustainable living concepts and want to see these principles applied in new developments.

"The area is experiencing a significant amount of growth and in the few months Cardno has had the office open we have managed to secure a number of contracts. Our next challenge is to add to the team, we actually have openings for a number of engineers and designers," Mr. Marshall added.

-ends-

For further information:  
Robbie Marshall  
Manager, Cardno Ballina Office  
0412 778 804

**About Cardno:** Cardno is an integrated professional services provider, locally delivering the specialist advice necessary to create or improve the physical and social infrastructure that underpins communities around the world. Our team comprises leading advisers who plan, design, manage and deliver sustainable projects or community programs. We are an international company, listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.