

CARDNO'S ACQUISITION STRENGTHENS POSITION IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Cardno Limited (ASX: CDD) has today announced the acquisition of Newcastle-based civil, structural and stormwater engineers, Stanwill Consulting Engineers. The acquisition further strengthens Cardno's presence and enhances Cardno's capability in New South Wales.

The new firm, to be known as Cardno Stanwill, is expected to contribute around \$1 million per year in turnover and be EPS positive.

Stanwill provides civil, structural and stormwater engineering services to a wide array of clients such as land developers, local and State governments, mining and heavy industry and major contractors. Since starting operations in 1990, Stanwill has developed an enviable reputation in the region and has an established and loyal client base.

Cardno Limited Managing Director Andrew Buckley said the acquisition of Stanwill bolsters Cardno's New South Wales office representation to six. With two offices in Sydney and representation in Canberra, Wollongong, Gosford, Ballina, and now Newcastle, Cardno is well positioned to service the diverse needs of the State.

"Cardno is committed to expanding our services in Australia's largest state economy and the acquisition of Stanwill will complement our already established representation in the Sydney market," said Mr. Buckley.

"The Cardno and Stanwill union will be a winner for clients," said Mr. Roger Collins-Woolcock, Manager of Cardno's NSW, VIC and ACT Division.

"Clients have been keen for Cardno to establish a presence in Newcastle for some time. Via this merger we have a ready made, reputable team on hand to service Cardno's existing clients and provide complementary services to Stanwill's client base.

"The Hunter region is currently growing well above the State average and indications are this will continue well into the future. Cardno has a long history with providing engineering services through local offices in coastal regions. We look forward to playing a significant role in expanding into the Hunter region and maintaining that tradition," said Mr. Collins-Woolcock.

Cardno and Cardno Stanwill will offer clients a broad range of services in environmental, coastal, bridge, water, flooding and traffic and transport. Cardno Stanwill will be backed by the expanded services of the Cardno group.

The acquisition will be funded by a mix of cash and shares and key Stanwill staff will become shareholders in Cardno Limited and remain active in the company.

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