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**Media Release**

## **CARDNO SUPPORT BUDGET FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL GROWTH**

Physical and social infrastructure services company, Cardno Limited, supports the Federal Government's 2008/9 budget announcement to allocate AU\$3.7billion for official development assistance projects and its decision to invest AU\$40 billion for capital investment in Australia across the infrastructure, education and health sectors.

Cardno's Managing Director, Andrew Buckley said the Federal Government had demonstrated leadership by not only recognising the development needs of some of our nearest neighbours but was also committing to investment in Australia's future via significant nation building activities.

"The increase in the government's development assistance funding by around 9% is a positive step in demonstrating our nation's commitment to assist the economies, health and education standards across the Asia-Pacific region," said Mr Buckley.

"The increase in funding is responsible and necessary. It demonstrates a real commitment to addressing the Millennium Development Goals which aim to improve the lives and livelihoods of people worldwide."

The government's balanced approach provides assistance and leadership in issues of climate change, sustainability and environmental management as well as demonstrates an emphasis on clean water, regional partnerships, and support to vulnerable communities.

According to Charles Tapp, Division Manager of Cardno's specialist international development assistance division, the budget acknowledges the key challenges in the region across issues such as non-communicable/communicable diseases and disabilities and recognises Australia's leadership in trying to address these areas.

"The funding priorities have struck a sound balance in addressing the physical infrastructure needs via investment in the proposed Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility and Access to Clean Water and Sanitation as well recognising the development needs in the social and economic environment," said Mr Tapp.

In more than 60 countries Cardno staff are working in partnership with both private and public clients to build better communities.

"Our goal, no matter where we work, whether in Australia or internationally, is to improve the physical and social environment," said Mr Buckley.

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**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. Cardno's team comprises leading advisers who plan, design, manage and deliver sustainable projects or community programs. Cardno is an international company, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange [ASX:CDD].