

## **Austin Engineering Raises \$1.6million in Private Placement**

**Brisbane, 30 September 2004:** Austin Engineering Limited (ASX Trading code: **ANG**) today announced the completion of a placement of approximately 4.1million fully paid ordinary shares at 41 cents per share which will raise around \$1.6million, after capital raising costs.

The placement was managed by Bell Potter Securities Limited and was supported by institutions and professional investors. This placement represents an increase of approximately 11% in the number of shares on issue. The new shares, when taken with other equity securities issued over the last twelve months, do not exceed prescribed limits and no shareholder approval was required for the issue.

The funds will primarily be used for fast-tracking the automation and upgrading of Austin's recent major engineering acquisition in Perth. The funds will enhance the processes for the Perth facility as well as streamlining the outcomes being derived from a strong current order book. The funds will also be used for general working capital purposes.

The Board of Austin welcomes the new investors to its share register and is very pleased with the strong investor support for the Company. It is expected the new shares will be allotted on 5 October 2004 and quoted by the ASX shortly afterwards.

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**About Austin Engineering:** Austin Engineering Limited is an engineering company with manufacturing facilities in Brisbane and Perth. The Brisbane facility provides fabrication facilities servicing the mining, oil, gas and industrial sectors. Key product lines include structural steel, piping, mineral processing equipment, potshells and superstructures. The Perth facility designs and manufactures products used in the resources industry including dump truck bodies, excavator buckets, materials handling equipment and large service vehicles. Austin own rights to innovative welding processes which are being introduced to improve welding productivity, coupled with robotic applications to suit product lines, general fabrications and any repetitive production processes.