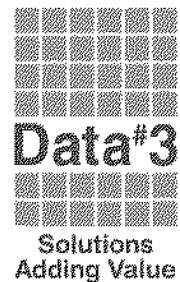


Data#3 reports best ever result declaring final dividend of 11.5 cents per share

Contract revenues increase on the back of 30% growth in services



BRISBANE, 26 August 2005. The Board of Directors of Data#3 Limited (ASX: DTL) today reported the best ever result for the company and declared a final dividend of 11.5 cents per share to bring total dividends for the year to 19.0 cents per share.

With a full year EBITDA of \$6.244 million, net profit after tax of \$3.912 million and earnings per share of 25.7 cents, total dividends represent approximately 74% of profits available for distribution. Chairman Richard Anderson commented that while the market for the company's services had been strong, it remained very competitive. "This result demonstrates our ability to adapt to changes in the market to deliver sustainable profitability that provides the basis for attractive ongoing returns to shareholders. Our aim remains to continue to increase these returns over time," he said.

Highlights:

- Best ever reported result with revenues of \$197M – up 12%; EBITDA of \$6.244 million – up 17%; NPAT of \$3.912 million – up 15%; and basic earnings per share of 25.7 cents – up 13%.
- Contract revenues increase to 51% of total revenue, driven by 30% increase in services revenue (to \$38 million).
- Full year dividends to shareholders of 19.0 cents per share – up 23% on pcps – with a record date of 16 September and payable on 30 September.
- Strong underlying net operating cash inflows and essentially no long-term debt.
- Improvement in the key measures of staff and customer satisfaction.
- Strong growth in Software Licensing and the successful establishment of a complementary software asset management consultancy.
- Repositioning of the ICT Services and Microsoft Application Solutions areas of specialisation with deep expertise around market leading technologies.
- Substantial improvement in the performance of the Enterprise business and in the number of new 'blue chip' customers.
- Improvement in margin in sales of server, networking and personal systems volume products.
- Very strong growth in Recruitment.
- Growth in all geographies with a doubling of operating profit (before corporate expense) in New South Wales and Victoria over the previous year.

Managing Director John Grant indicated that results were strong across all areas of the business. "We have maintained our focus along six national areas of specialty, and are delighted with their development over the year. We intend to achieve a leadership position in all these areas by developing the expertise of our people to be second to none, by proactively engaging with our key partners to deliver creative, cost-effective solutions and by ensuring those solutions offer the best value for money to our customers. We believe this underpins the ability to deliver increasing returns to shareholders."

Data#3's Annual General Meeting will be held on 4 November 2005.

About Data#3

Since listing in 1997, Data#3 has evolved from a Queensland oriented Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Solutions Company to one of national significance. In its first year of listing, Data#3 revenues were \$69 million and staff numbered 250. This year revenues were \$197 million and over 520 staff served customers from offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Townsville, Rockhampton and Gladstone.

As an ICT Solutions Company, Data#3 seeks to deliver exceptional value to its customers by applying expertise in:

- Software that enhances productivity and information management,
- The design, implementation, management and support of reliable ICT infrastructure,
- Cost effective procurement of ICT hardware and software, and
- Sourcing people with the right ICT skills.

Data#3's customers cover a wide range of industries including banking and finance, mining, tourism and leisure, legal, healthcare, manufacturing, distribution, government and utilities and are located throughout Australia and into Asia.

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