## **Verticon Group Limited**

#### Appendix 4E Preliminary Final Report to the Australian Stock Exchange

NAME OF ENTITY	Verticon Group Limited
ABN	53 111 398 040
Financial year ended	30 June 2006
Previous corresponding reporting period	30 June 2005

#### **Results for Announcement to Market**

	\$'000	% Increase/ (Decrease) over previous corresponding period
Revenue from ordinary activities	49,963	105%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	1,693	-61%
Net Profit attributable to members	1,693	-61%

Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Final Dividend	Nil	N/A
Interim Dividend	Nil	N/A
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividends		N/A

Brief explanation of any of the figures reported above necessary

to enable the figures to be understood

The previous corresponding period relates to the period from 15 October 2004 to 30 June 2005, where operations commenced 13 December 2004.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends paid during the current period	Reporting period	
2005 Final dividend of 4.5 cents per fully paid ordinary share fully franked at 30% paid on 21 October 2005.	\$2,817	
Dividend reinvestment plans		
At 30 June 2006 no dividend reinvestment plan was in place.		

#### NTA Backing

	Reporting period	Previous corresponding period
Net tangible asset backing per share.	\$0.57	\$0.76

# Other Significant Information Needed by an Investor to Make an Informed Assessment of the Entity's Financial Performance and Financial Position

During the 2005-06, Verticon made two key acquisitions.

On 1 September 2005, Verticon acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Fire Up Capital and Rigging Pty Ltd and Fire Up Hire Pty Ltd. The total consideration was \$5.08m. Between 1 September 2005 and 30 June 2006, the new business resulted in \$5.5m increased revenue and a net profit before tax of \$1.02m.

On 1 December 2005, the assets and business of New Zealand-based Daniel Smith Industries Limited were acquired for a total cost of \$41.53m. This resulted in increased revenue of \$7.44m and net profit before tax of \$2.68m for the period 1 December 2005 to 30 June 3006

#### **Commentary on Results**

#### Earnings per security and the nature of any dilution aspects

There has been no dilution on EPS as at 30 June 2006. Refer attached Income Statement in the 2006 Financial Report Note 35.

Returns to shareholders including distributions and buy backs

Final dividend of 4.5 cents per fully paid ordinary share fully franked at 30% paid on 21 October 2005.

Significant features of operating performance

The operating performance was a result of poor management in the Victorian business. As well, Queensland was affected by increased pressure on margins, a very competitive market and a relatively flat construction sector.

Results of segments that are significant to an understanding of the business as a whole

Verticon Group Limited operates in two segments being Australia and New Zealand. Refer attached Financial Report Note 4.

#### Discussion of trends in performance

The market share has been maintained in Queensland and grown in New South Wales. Verticon performed above target in New Zealand.

#### Other factors that affected results in the period or which are likely to affect results in the future

Verticon has established key new business partnerships and started to win major contracts that will see Verticon on a road to recovery in the 2006-07 financial year with the full benefits flowing in 2007-08.

## Audit / review of accounts on which this report is based

The accounts have been audited (refer to attached financial statements for audit report)	*	The accounts have been subject to review (refer to attached financial statements)	
The accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review		The accounts have not yet been audited or reviewed	
Accounts not yet audited or reviewed			
Not applicable			
Qualification of audit / review			
Not applicable			

### Attachments forming part of Appendix 4E

Attachment	Details
1	2006 Annual Financial Report
2	Independent Audit Report

Signed by Company Secretary	annes
Print Name	Andrew Torrington
Date	24 August 2006