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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

Earnings Guidance

Verticon today confirms it has revised its earnings per share (EPS) guidance for the 2005-06 financial year.

Verticon now expects EPS will be in the range of 2.5 cents to 3.0 cents per share - down from 4.0 cents to 4.5 cents as previously announced in February 2006.

The recently appointed Executive Chairman, Mr Noel Henderson, said the revised EPS was disappointing and attributable to poor management in the Victorian market and increased pressure on margins in Queensland in a highly-competitive market.

Mr Henderson said Verticon was on track to meet forecasts and performing well in New South Wales where there were also good growth opportunities. In New Zealand, Verticon was performing well above target and the outlook for Verticon there remained strong.

Mr Henderson said Verticon had stabilised its operations in Queensland and had already implemented a management overhaul in Victoria with the recent appointment of a new, external General Manager. As well, Verticon expected to soon finalise the appointment of a new Managing Director.

"While the Board is disappointed with the lower than forecast earnings per share, we are confident we have addressed all management and operational issues and that Verticon is well placed to move forward," Mr Henderson said.

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