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## **VERTICON GROUP LIMITED**

### **VERTICON COMPLETES PURCHASE OF SPECIALISED ENGINEERING BUSINESS**

Verticon Group Limited today announced that it had acquired the business of GFB Engineering Pty Ltd.

GFB Engineering Pty Ltd was started by Gavin Butler and Graham Farmilo in mid 2004 as a specialised engineering services supplier to the tower crane industry. They manufacture steel components such as starter bases for tower cranes, collars and ties (secure the crane to the building), towers and other such equipment. They also provide rigging services to erect, climb and dismantle tower cranes.

"This purchase fits well with our existing tower crane business in Melbourne as steel fabrication services are the only services we do not do "in house" in the Econ business. The proprietors of GFB have a great reputation in the industry due to their excellent knowledge and expertise. We are happy to be associated with a solid business so we can grow together" said Mark Kevin, Managing Director of Verticon.

The purchase will be earnings positive from day one.

GFB Engineering is budgeting to have revenues of \$1.8 million in FY2005/2006. Verticon is paying \$231,000 for the business assets and this will be done by way of a share issue to the vendors plus cash for stock and work in progress.

GFB currently supply services to all the major tower crane suppliers in Melbourne. Both Graham Farmilo and Gavin Butler are contracted to stay with Verticon for a five year period.

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