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BRADKEN AFFIRMS ITS POSITION

Bradken announced today that it has received notification from the Federal Court of Australia in the NSW district alleging patent infringement by its new ground engaging tools ("GET") product range for the mining industry.

The claims relate to only a portion of Bradken's new GET product ranges and is not material, being less than 1% of Bradken's F12 total sales. Bradken is currently reviewing the claims and will actively defend all infringement allegations.

Bradken's products are evolutionary and are developed in line with the changing needs of its mining customers. To date, Bradken's new products have received an excellent response from both its customers and the market in general.

Bradken will continue to develop and release new innovative products using its own intellectual property and knowhow, and this matter will in no way impede the ongoing development and roll-out of its new GET product ranges.

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More about Bradken

Bradken is the leading supplier of differentiated consumable and capital products to the resources, energy and freight rail industries. The Company employs almost 6,200 people in 34 manufacturing facilities and more than 50 sales and service centres across Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Indonesia, South Africa, South America and China.

Bradken, which has been in business for over 90 years and became a publicly listed company in August 2004, has four market-focused divisions.

Mining Products supplies ground engaging tools, wear plate and liner products, crawler systems, mill liners, crusher liners and associated refurbishment and maintenance services. These products are primarily consumable wear parts for mobile and fixed plant used extensively throughout the mining industry. Mill liners and crusher liners are consumable products, which are regularly replaced by operators of mills and crushers in the mining and quarrying industries.

Rail designs, manufactures and supplies rail freight rolling stock, cast and general spares, and provides rolling stock maintenance and refurbishment services. Its product and service offering, as in all Bradken's divisions, is customised to meet specific customer requirements.

Industrial manufactures and supplies iron and steel cast products, mainly consumables, directly to end users for use in their process plants or manufacturing processes. The products can vary from products manufactured to the client's specification, customised products and products based on Bradken's proprietary designs.

Engineered Products is a leading North American based supplier of large (greater than 4,500kg), highly engineered steel castings to the high growth global energy, mining and rail markets. Headquartered in Atchison, Kansas, the Division employs approximately 2,500 people across five steel foundries and three machine shops in North America.

Other operations include **Cast Metal Services** (CMS) and the **Metal Recycling** business. CMS manufactures and distributes consumable steelmaking and foundry industries, the metal recycling business, which support the Company's foundry business and the corporate activities of the Bradken Group. The Metal Recycling business sources mild steel, stainless steel and alloy scrap steel largely from mine sites and industrial operations to supply the Company's foundry operations.

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