WRIDG WAYS AUSTRALIA LIMITED ACN: 079 887 728

20th August 2009

Company Announcements Office Australian Stock Exchange Limited

Re: Final Year Announcement Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

It is extremely pleasing to report a strong final year result despite very challenging market conditions. We recorded our second largest profit on record in a year of extreme economic

uncertainty.

Group Operating Revenue grew by 4.6% to \$124.268 million compared to last year's figure of

\$118.756 million.

Profit after tax decreased by 5.2 % to \$6.666 million compared to last year's figure of \$7.030

million.

At year end Wridgways continued to be debt free with Cash at Bank of \$9.382 million.

The Import and Export divisions have maintained their strong contributions and consolidated our position as a premier relocation company. Downward margin pressure and discounting by

competitors has impacted the domestic market.

**Dividend** 

The Directors have resolved to declare a fully franked final dividend of 11.0 cents per share (2008:

11.0 cents).

Shareholders will be aware that our interim dividend of 6.0 cents per share (previous year 6.0 cents) was paid on 13 March 2009 bringing the total dividend paid for the fiscal year to 17.0 cents per

share (2008: 17.0 cents).

The dividend will be payable on 25 September 2009 to Shareholders registered as such on 18

September 2009.

<u>Outlook</u>

The year ahead will be challenging and continue to be subject to global factors. However, as mentioned previously, the company remains debt free and is well positioned in the relocation

market to take full advantage of the expected economic recovery in 2010.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 October 2009. Full details will be in the Notice of Meeting, which will be sent to Shareholders in mid September.

A.W.Whatmore

Chairman