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### **EARNINGS AND DIVIDEND GUIDANCE**

The Board of Marbletrend Group Limited (**the Company**) wish to provide an update having regard to the Prospectus dated 8 November 2007 lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**Prospectus**).

The Prospectus provided earnings and revenue forecasts in respect to the performance of the Company predicated on the operational activities of Marbletrend Pty Ltd being owned by Marbletrend Group Limited for the full year to 30 June 2008.

As previously reported, the Company obtained the maximum subscription pursuant to its Prospectus and the following forecast reflects receipt of \$12,000,000 (before costs) in relation to the capital raising.

The Board confirms that a fully franked dividend of 1 cent per share shall be declared and paid in July 2008 and the Board is confident the Prospectus forecast for a 1 cent fully franked dividend in January 2009 will also be met.

The Company expects to trade with gross sales approximating the forecast gross revenue of \$41,719,000 for 30 June 2008.

As a result of delays in the supply of product from China, increased freight costs that have been absorbed by the business and upward pressure in respect to salary and wages the Company now anticipates an EBITA of between \$3,200,000 and \$3,300,000 as compared to the forecast EBITA of \$3,645,000 for the year ended 30 June 2008.

The Board also makes the following observations in respect to the Company's trading:

- As a result of interest rate increases and a slowing of the economy, the Company is observing a slow down in retail traffic which has the potential to impact on gross revenues over the next twelve (12) months;



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- The existing demand for new housing provides significant ongoing opportunity for the Company notwithstanding the slow down in retail sales;
- Delays in the delivery of certain manufactured product out of China has impacted on product mix and margins for the Financial Year however this is currently being redressed;
- Mining services continues to expand and will provide significant additional opportunities for the Company over the next twelve (12) months;
- Fuel and freight costs have increased to a level where it is unsustainable to continue to absorb such costs and price rises will be inevitable to meet both these costs and inflationary costs being absorbed through increased manufacturing costs in China; and
- The Company continues to develop its strategic relationships with its key customers.

The Board is actively pursuing market aggregation opportunities which are strategic to the current business of Marbletrend, are earnings per share accretive and provide leverage into new markets or are complementary to the current offerings.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Hamish Giles at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully



**Hamish Giles**  
Chairman