

**STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS LIMITED**  
**2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The company reported a pre tax profit for the 2008 year of \$20.7 million. Tax expense was \$5.52 million to give an after tax profit of \$15.182 million. Sales of \$282.57m for the year were up 100% on the prior year.

It is most disappointing that this record result for the Group has come at a time when there is considerable uncertainty in equity markets around the world and as such has not lead to an appreciation in the company's share price.

The company remains focused on delivering the best possible results for our shareholders in these difficult times. We are not letting ourselves get distracted by the current financial turmoil but are concentrating on managing the risks and opportunities as best as possible.

There is no doubt that business conditions are going to be tougher in the short term. We are fortunate that our levels of works in hand remain high and this will stand us in good stead. The Company is well placed to capitalize on the increase in infrastructure spending as has been forecast by the current federal government. We see this market as being particularly strong over the next few years.

Structural Systems has grown from fairly humble beginnings to become a diversified specialist international contractor. We now employ over 1,100 people throughout the world.

I believe it is now time for the next generation to step up and as such effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 the following changes will become effective.

Bob Freedman will take over as Chairman and David Perry will assume the role of Managing Director of the Group. Bob and David are fortunate to have a group of very experienced personnel in the senior management ranks of the company. I am confident that with this experience and capability that the company will continue to grow and prosper as has been the case so far.

It is my intention to stay on the board in a non-executive director role to assist the company with this transition and to help with the development of the board such that it meets corporate governance best practice.

Bruce Crome

Chairman

5 November 2008