Oak Enterprises is a not-for-profit organisation which doesn’t have shareholders and doesn’t pay any share dividends. The profits from its commercial operations are channelled straight back into other services supporting people with disabilities.

“To ensure our employees continue to receive the specialised support they need, all of the businesses operating under the Oak umbrella are geared towards commercial viability,” says Mr Paton. “That’s why we have strict controls to ensure consistently first-rate standards. Our customers can be absolutely assured of a great price and a result that exceeds their expectations – every time.”

So, when you purchase your methylated spirits, lattice, or boardroom table from Oak Enterprises, you are offering job security, support and training opportunities to a Tasmanian with a disability.

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For over thirty years Oak Enterprises has offered products and services in five areas:

- **Walkabout Industries** provides commercial-grade products including: solvents, cleaning products, potting mix, mulch, composted materials, instant concrete and mortar.

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- **Oak Sewing Service** undertakes large commercial sewing contracts (smaller contracts or single items can also be accommodated).

- **Tahune Fields Nursery** produces trees, from stone fruit to ornamentals. An apple orchard and an apple bin making facility complement the nursery. Training and assessment in horticulture is also offered.

- **Oakdale Industries** manufactures timbers for the building industry, as well as specialist products ranging from picnic benches to indoor furniture.

For more information about Oak Enterprises, visit www.oakenterprises.com.au.

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L-R: CEO of Oak Enterprises John Paton, employee Peter Jackson, and Supervisor Frank Demarte from Walkabout Industries.
Local Government Investment Guide – First in Australia

Thought to be the first guide of its type available to Australian councils, a ground-breaking best practice guide to Local Government financial investment, has been capturing the interest of councils.

The guide, released in 2006, looks at how municipalities should prepare investment policies and strategies, how investments should be placed, and methods for assessing the performance of investments. It also deals with the management of councils’ cash investments, including forms of investment such as bank bills, use of a funds manager, floating rate, note or collateralised debt obligation.

The guide was created by Local Government Finance Professionals, a special interest group of the NSW division of Local Government Managers Australia.

To obtain a copy of the guide, visit the Local Government Finance Professionals’ website at http://lgfp.lgmansw.com.au.

New Leadership for GHD in Tasmania

Leading international professional services company, GHD recently appointed Lochlan Gibson as Operating Centre Manager, Tasmania, which encompasses offices in Hobart and Launceston.

Gibson, an Environmental Consultant with over 12 years’ experience in the oil, gas and mining industries, has significant health, safety and environmental consultancy and risk assessment skills, and considerable international experience. He joined GHD in 2004, and previously managed GHD’s Environmental and Planning Business Group in Southern Queensland. In this role he successfully introduced new Urban Design/Landscape Architecture, Sustainability and Stakeholder Consultation teams, creating significant business growth.

2007 marks the 70th year of GHD operations in Tasmania and a milestone for the business. Gibson plans to capitalise on the company’s strong track record and growth opportunities, presented by the expansion of Tasmania’s mining and industry sectors and wants to expand the business into new areas like management and environment consulting. Staff numbers in Tasmania have tripled over the last three years, and GHD plans to open a new regional office in North-West Tasmania within the next 12 months.

GHD employs 5,000 people in a network of offices throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas.

For further information, visit the website at www.ghd.com.au.

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‘Green Ticks’ for Environmental Performance

A Launceston printing firm has achieved the internationally recognised environmental StandardsMark, the coveted green ‘five ticks’ for its new environmental management system (EMS).

AT&M Integrated Marketing is Tasmania’s first printer and one of only eight in Australia to earn certification to environmental standard ISO14001. Being certified to the ISO14001 standard, allows the company to display the environmental StandardsMark (green five ticks) and demonstrates AT&M’s commitment to protecting the environment. EMS certification provides the company with a systematic and rigorous way of handling environmental matters, as well as significant operational benefits.

AT&M Integrated Marketing has replaced petroleum-based inks with soy-based inks, installed computer-to-plate technology to reduce film and silver bromide consumption, and has purchased paper certified to the ISO 14001 standard. AT&M is also one of ten Tasmanian businesses participating in the State Government’s CleanBiz resource efficiency training initiative.

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