

27 August 2004

The Directors  
WestNet Rail Pty Ltd  
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Dear Sir

## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE OVER-PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

### **Scope**

We have audited the Over-payment Accounts of WestNet Rail Pty Ltd (“WNR”) for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 for the following routes:

- Forrestfield to Kalgoorlie;
- Kalgoorlie to Esperance;
- Kalgoorlie to Leonora; and
- Kwinana to Bunbury Inner Harbour (including Brunswick to Premier Section and Terminal Segments)

Management of WNR is responsible for establishing the over-payment rules in accordance with Section 47 of the Railways (Access) Code 2000 (“the Over-payment Rules”), the application of these Over-payment Rules and the preparation of the Over-payment Accounts.

We have conducted an independent audit of the Over-payment Accounts in order to express an opinion on them for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the Over-payment Rules. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the Over-payment Accounts to which it relates to any person other than the directors of WNR, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the Over-payment Accounts. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects there are any overpayments during the period as determined in accordance with the Over-payment Rules.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### **Audit opinion**

In our opinion, in all material respects, there are no over-payments as determined in accordance with the Over-payment Rules established by WNR management in terms of Section 47(1) of the Railways (Access) Code 2000, for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, for the following routes:

- Forrestfield to Kalgoorlie;
- Kalgoorlie to Esperance;

- Kalgoorlie to Leonora; and
- Kwinana to Bunbury Inner Harbour (including Brunswick to Premier Section and Terminal Segments).

Yours faithfully

Ernst & Young

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