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Dear Sir,

**Re: Thiess awarded South Walker Creek Coal Mine Contract Extension**

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by Thiess Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully  
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# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Thiess awarded South Walker Creek Coal Mine Contract Extension**

Thiess Pty Ltd, one of Australia's largest engineering and construction companies, has secured a \$345 million contract for services at BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd owned South Walker Creek Coal Mine.

Michael Rosengren, Thiess Qld/NT/Pacific General Manager, said that the further three year contract for total mine operations includes mine planning, drill and blast, over burden removal including dragline operation, coal mining, coal processing and train loading and maintenance of all fixed and mobile plant.

"Clients value our capability and capacity to deliver integrated services across the whole mining and coal processing operation which allows additional degrees of freedom to ensure efficient and cost effective service provision," he said

"Thiess has a long standing relationship with BHP Mitsui Coal having operated at the site since 1996.

"We look forward to continuing the successful delivery of the contract, optimising the value-adding opportunities of the project and setting benchmarks in areas of performance.

"Safety performance is a very important focus on all our operations and the recent outstanding safety performance at South Walker Creek along with improved production output were important factors in securing the relationship going forward," said Mr Rosengren.

South Walker Creek Coal Mine is situated 40km west of Nebo in Central Queensland and operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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### **About Thiess**

Thiess is a leading integrated engineering, mining and services provider with diverse operations throughout Australia, South East Asia and the near Pacific.

The company is part of the Leighton Group, has \$4.8 billion in turnover and employs more than 16,000 people.

For further information on Thiess, please visit: [www.thiess.com.au](http://www.thiess.com.au).

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