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Dear Sir,

**Re: John Holland Contracted to Deliver \$154 million in Works at RAAF Base Pearce, WA**

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

Yours faithfully  
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Company Secretary



ASX MEDIA RELEASE

## **John Holland Contracted to Deliver \$154 Million in Works at RAAF Base Pearce, WA**

**Perth, July 3, 2008** – John Holland has been awarded the Managing Contractor contract to deliver major redevelopment and C-17 infrastructure project works at RAAF Base Pearce in Western Australia by the Australian Department of Defence.

These projects will improve the base's operational capability, reduce operational costs and improve the overall operational environment. The delivery of Redevelopment Stage 1 project works at the base will encompass 10 key elements:

- Upgrade and replacement of the ageing base-wide engineering services, including water, sewer, stormwater, irrigation, power and communications;
- Construction of a new base Fuel Farm;
- Construction of a new Fuel Quality Control Centre;
- Construction of new mess facilities;
- Upgrade and refurbishment of the existing passenger terminal;
- Upgrade of base maintenance facilities;
- Construction of a new noise attenuated Engine Run-Up facility, to provide noise protection for personnel and to reduce noise emissions;
- Installation of a Defence Restricted Network connection to the base Briefing Facility;
- Construction of 128 new Living-in Accommodation rooms; and
- Demolition of derelict and redundant facilities.

The C-17 infrastructure works at the base will provide aircraft hardstands, pavement widening and strengthening, and upgrading of the air cargo hangar for use by the new C-17 aircraft.

John Holland Group Managing Director, David Stewart said: "This new contract solidifies John Holland's relationship with the Department of Defence and further enhances our reputation as a leading contractor in the defence sector. Our previous experience delivering vital upgrades to defence facilities nationwide will help guide the successful completion of this project."

General Manager of John Holland's Western Region business, Adam Harry, said: "The award of this contract is another key milestone as we continue to build our business in Western Australia. Coupled with new work on the \$70 million Northbridge Performing Arts Centre, \$40 million Qantas Domestic Terminal Upgrade and \$13 million forward works contract for the Capital Square Development, we are positioned strongly for further growth in the West."

Today's announcement increases the total value of defence works being undertaken on behalf of the Department of Defence to \$355.5 million. The RAAF Base Pearce Redevelopment Stage 1 project is due for completion in 2010.

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**About John Holland Group**

The John Holland Group is one of Australia's leading and most diversified contracting, engineering and services provider, operating throughout each state and territory of Australia with the unique delivery model of national specialist skills integrated with strong regional businesses.

Our capabilities range from tunnelling to power, water and telecommunications projects, as well as rail, contract mining and other services. We recognise that these capabilities revolve around our people and their ability to work in partnership with our clients to effectively deliver a range of projects.