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RE: Leighton Asia awarded mining and rail work in Mongolia

Please find attached copies of media releases to be issued today by Leighton Asia Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

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Leighton Asia has secured a A\$195 million adjustment to its mining contract to increase production at the Ukhaa Khudag (UHG) Coal Mine in southern Mongolia.

Energy Resources LLC has requested Leighton Asia to expand the production capacity at its UHG Coal Mine in the South Gobi region of Mongolia. The contract adjustment will ramp up production rates from a current level of 2.5 million tonnes per year to 5 million tonnes per year by December 2010. Leighton Asia was awarded the mining contract for the UHG mine in February 2009 and coal production commenced in March 2009 with the first million tonnes of metallurgical coal loaded on transport in October 2009.

The UHG Mine is the first large scale coal mine in Mongolia developed and operated to international mining standards and practices. Coal from the mine is currently transported by road approximately 220 kilometres to the Chinese border for sale to China's expanding steel industry. Energy Resources is currently developing a rail freight line to transport the coal to market at reduced costs and lower environmental impacts, and a five million tonnes per year capacity coal handling and processing plant (CHPP), first of its kind in Mongolia, to deliver value-added high quality premium hard coking coal.

The ramp up in mine production will increase the value of Leighton Asia's mining contract to A\$480 million.

"This request to expand capacity at UHG Mine is testament to the strong working relationship we have with Energy Resources," said Mr Hamish Tyrwhitt, managing director of Leighton Asia. "Together with our client we have established a commercially competitive mining operation at UHG that meets international best practices in safety and environmental management."

"Leighton Asia is now well positioned to play a significant role in the development of the Mongolian resources sector," Mr Tyrwhitt said.

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About Leighton Asia

Leighton Asia is part of the Leighton Group, Australia's largest project development and contracting group with annual revenues exceeding US\$16 billion.

Leighton Asia has been operating in Asia for more than 30 years. Based in Hong Kong, the company also operates in Macau, China, Mongolia, Taiwan, the Philippines, Guam, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia and Kazakhstan.

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Leighton Asia has secured a US\$338 million contract to construct a new freight rail line in southern Mongolia.

Energy Resources LLC has awarded Leighton Asia the design and build contract for the Ukhaa Khudag to Gashuun Sukhait freight railway in the South Gobi region of Mongolia. The main purpose of the rail project is to provide infrastructure to transport coal from the southern Mongolian coal fields to China. The railway commences at the Ukhaa Khudag Coal Mine, where Leighton Asia has a six year coal mining contract, and travels 225 kilometres to the international border crossing between Mongolia and China at Gashuun Sukhait.

The railway will be designed for an annual capacity of 28 million tonnes of coal per annum which will be carried in 1.8 kilometre long trains. Leighton Asia's scope of work under the contract includes the design and construction of earthworks, structures and the rail line associated with the permanent alignment as well as works for the depots, workshops, maintenance facilities and administration buildings. The contract also includes the maintenance of the infrastructure for a period of four years.

It is planned for the construction works to commence in March 2010 with completion scheduled for mid 2011.

Leighton Asia established its Mongolian office in Ulaanbataar in mid 2008 and secured its first contract for the development and mining of the Ukhaa Khudag (UHG) Coal Mine later in the same year. Coal production commenced at the UHG mine in April 2009.

"The award of this significant infrastructure project is a result of our commitment to the Mongolian market and our ability to bring international experience and local knowledge to projects of this type which pose a range of technical, community and environmental challenges," said Hamish Tyrwhitt, Leighton Asia's managing director. "We have a very strong working relationship with Energy Resources who are also our client for the UHG Coal Mine contract."

“The railway project poses unique environmental challenges exacerbated by harsh geographic and climatic conditions. Our proven comprehensive environmental and community relations management plans implemented at the UHG mine will be extended to address the environmental issues associated with the railway construction,” Mr Tyrwhitt said.

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