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Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear Sir,

Re: Thiess Indonesia awarded US\$250 million coal mining contract in Indonesia

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
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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MEDIA RELEASE

Thiess Indonesia Awarded US\$250 Million Mine Contract

PT Thiess Contractors Indonesia, a subsidiary of Thiess Pty Ltd, has secured a US\$250 million mining contract with PT Inkor Prima Coal (IPC) at their Samboja Coal Mine Project.

The Samboja Coal Mine Project, located 45 kilometres North of Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, will span five years and includes the provision of overburden removal and mine support services. Works are expected to commence in June 2008.

President Director of Thiess Indonesia Roy Olsen said the contract will provide Thiess Indonesia with a strong platform to build a highly successful partnership with IPC.

“Current activities and resources in East Kalimantan mean we are well positioned to deliver the requirements of the Samboja Coal Mine.

“A key factor in the success of the project will be a strong safety culture and maximising local employment and training, an approach used across all of Thiess Indonesia’s operations.”

Mr Olsen said the project is an ideal fit with the company’s ongoing pursuit of additional mine work and recent capital investments.

“We already have a major presence in Balikpapan supporting our other Kalimantan mining projects so the proximity of this project makes it a natural fit into our existing operations.”

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Thiess

A wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings, Thiess has diverse operations in mining, civil, building, rail, process and services throughout Australia, South East Asia and the near Pacific.

PT Thiess Contractors Indonesia, a subsidiary of Thiess Pty Ltd, is one of Indonesia’s leading private contractors providing a diverse range of services to the mining, process, infrastructure, telecommunication and power sectors across Indonesia.

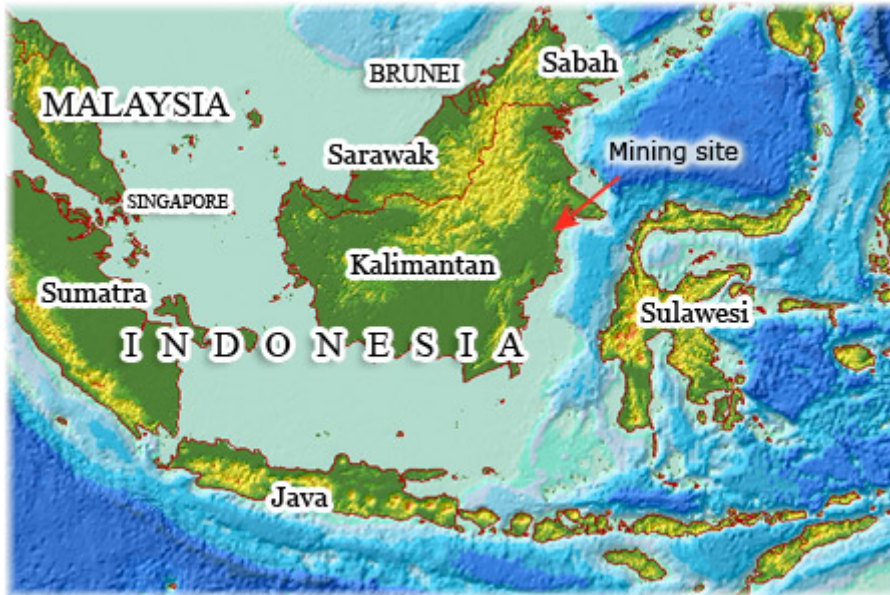
Thiess Indonesia employs more than 6000 people and currently has more than US\$1 billion dollars worth of work in hand.

For more information please visit www.thiess.co.id.

THIESS INDONESIA

PT Inkor Prima Coal

PT Inkor Prima Coal is an Indonesian based mine owner and coal marketer. The Samboja Coal Mine is the company's first Greenfield mine site.



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