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RE: Leighton Contractors joins alliance to deliver Tarcutta Bypass

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

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MOIR
Company Secretary

Media release

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Leighton Contractors joins alliance to deliver Tarcutta Bypass

Leighton Contractors has today signed an agreement with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to create the Tarcutta Hume Alliance which will deliver the Tarcutta Bypass Project in southern NSW.

The newly formed Tarcutta Hume Alliance, which includes the RTA, Maunsell Australia, SMEC Australia and Coffey Geotechnics, will design and build a 7km dual carriageway bypass to the west of the town of Tarcutta as part of Hume Highway upgrade.

Mike Metcalfe, General Manager NSW/ACT said Leighton Contractors previous success as part of the Northern Hume Alliance was a key factor in securing the Tarcutta Bypass project with the same alliance partnership.

“Securing the Tarcutta Bypass Project is a testament to Leighton Contractors’ commitment to building lasting relationships with our clients, partners and the communities in which we work,” Mr Metcalfe said.

“With the Northern Hume Alliance project on track for completion in late 2009, we look forward to transferring this successful partnership to the Tarcutta Bypass Project.”

The Tarcutta Bypass Alliance will commence project planning immediately, including concept designs and geotechnical investigations as part of the project development phase.

The value of the Leighton Contractors component of the Tarcutta Bypass Project works will be determined following completion of the project development phase.

The RTA is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Project which is expected to be placed on public display for community comment later this year.

Subject to completion of the project development phase and determination of the Environmental Assessment, construction of the Tarcutta Bypass Project could begin towards the end of 2009. Project completion is expected by the end of 2011.

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About Leighton Contractors

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia’s leading construction, mining, infrastructure, industrial engineering, facilities management, services and telecommunications groups with over \$8.3 billion work in hand, employing more than 9,000 people across Australia and New Zealand.

About the Northern Hume Alliance

The Northern Hume Alliance, including RTA, Leighton Contractors, Maunsell Australia, SMEC Australia and Coffey Geotechnics, is currently delivering the duplication of some 35km of the Hume Highway from the Sturt Highway to Holbrook in southern NSW. Involving four construction zones and extensive pavement works, the project commenced in October 2007 and is due for completion in late 2009.