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Dear Sir,

**Re: John Holland to construct Melbourne's Northern Sewerage Project Stage One**

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by John Holland Group Pty Ltd, a 99% subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully  
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

PETER JANU  
Company Secretary



**ASX MEDIA RELEASE**

## **John Holland to construct Melbourne's Northern Sewerage Project Stage One**

**Melbourne, 7 August 2007** – John Holland is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$301 million contract to construct Stage One of the Northern Sewerage Project by the Melbourne Water Corporation.

The project will involve the construction of 8km of tunnelled sewers in the Northern suburbs of Melbourne to meet growing commercial and residential capacity demands as the population swells.

The sewers will range in size from 1.6 - 2.5m in finished diameter. Five major access shafts of up to 65m in depth and 13m in diameter will also be constructed, enabling two specially designed tunnel boring machines to be utilised during construction.

First announced by Victoria's then Water Minister in August 2005, the Northern Sewerage Project is a Melbourne Water initiative of state significance. Construction work is expected to commence shortly and this first stage of the two-stage project is due for completion by 2012.

This is the first project to reach construction stage under John Holland's six year agreement with Melbourne Water to provide tunnel construction services. The Northern Sewerage Project will combine the specialist capabilities of John Holland's Tunnelling division together with the company's Southern Region.

The contract is being procured under a relationship contracting model on a costs reimbursable, performance incentive basis.

Project managers Connell Wagner and design joint venture SKM-Jacobs will be working alongside John Holland to deliver this project.

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**Notes to Editors:**

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Our capabilities range from tunnelling and mining through to power, water and high voltage transmission projects. 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.