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Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear Sir,

Re: Leighton International wins US\$290 million JW Marriott Hotel in Abu Dhabi

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by Leighton International Limited, formerly Leighton Asia (Southern) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Leighton International wins US\$290 million JW Marriott Hotel in Abu Dhabi

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Leighton International, through its 45%-owned associate Al Habtoor Engineering, has been awarded a US\$290 million (A\$310 million) contract for the construction of the new J W Marriott Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

The project, for Abu Dhabi National Hotels, represents the first contract won by Al Habtoor Engineering since it merged with Leighton International in September this year.

The project involves the construction of a 10-storey hotel with basement, 88 chalets, a marine village, a staff accommodation building, a spa facility and a lagoon.

Work will commence immediately and is due for completion in January 2010.

Managing Director of Leighton International, David Savage, says that the new contract highlighted the opportunities available to the company since the merger with Al Habtoor.

“Al Habtoor has an unrivalled track record in the region for these type of projects and is considered the contractor of choice for high quality building work,” he said.

“This project takes our work in hand to over US\$2.4 billion, a new record.

“Our growth is only constrained by our capacity to undertake the work available, and our partnership with Al Habtoor provides us with a significant increase in capacity.

We are now more able to capitalise on the numerous opportunities like this in the Arabian Gulf market, particularly in the United Arab Emirates,” he said.

“The construction opportunities available in the region are enormous. More than \$120 billion will be invested over the next four to five years on infrastructure projects in Abu Dhabi alone.

“The outlook for us in this region is very positive, and we expect to secure a number of new projects in the next few months,” Mr Savage said.

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About Leighton International

Leighton International is the Leighton Group's operating company covering operations in Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India and the Arabian Gulf.

In September 2007, the company merged its operations in the Arabian Gulf with Al Habtoor Engineering, taking a 45% stake in the new, combined entity.

Leighton International expects revenue in 2008 to exceed US\$1.5 billion.

*Leighton International is part of the **Leighton Group**, Australia's largest project development and contracting group with annual revenue exceeding US\$10 billion. The Leighton Group is majority-owned by HOCHTIEF, the world's largest international contractor.*

For further information on Leighton International, please visit: www.leightonint.com

For further information on Al Habtoor Engineering, please visit: www.habtoorengg.ae

For further information on the Leighton Group, please visit: www.leighton.com.au