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Dear Sir,

**Re: John Holland Awarded \$148m Sewer Replacement Contract by Melbourne Water**

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

Yours faithfully  
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Company Secretary



ASX MEDIA RELEASE

## **John Holland Awarded \$148 million Sewer Replacement Contract by Melbourne Water**

**Melbourne, July 10, 2008** – John Holland is pleased to announce that it has been appointed lead contractor in a \$148 million contract to construct the Melbourne Main Sewer Replacement Project by the Melbourne Water Corporation. The contract is being procured under a relationship contracting model on a costs reimbursable, performance incentive basis.

The project will involve the construction of a new 2.4 kilometre underground sewer, which will run from near the Charles Grimes Bridge, across the Yarra River to the existing Hobsons Bay Main Sewer in Port Melbourne. The new sewer, with around four times the capacity of the existing sewer, will replace the existing Melbourne Main Sewer built in the 1890s. The facility is designed to meet growing commercial and residential capacity demands in the CBD and the fast growing Docklands precinct.

When completed the new sewer will have a 1.8 metre diameter and comprise 2,214 metres of main sewer pipeline. A major portion of the works will be the development of a 142 metre long section of pipeline across the Yarra River. Six major access sites of up to 15 metres in depth will be constructed along the corridor to connect 2,094 metres of new branch and reticulation sewers. A specially designed earth pressure balance tunnel boring machine will be used to excavate the tunnel.

John Holland Group Managing Director, David Stewart said: “This is the second project to reach the construction stage under John Holland's six year agreement with Melbourne Water to provide tunnel construction services. We are excited about getting started on this vital piece of Melbourne infrastructure.”

General Manager of John Holland's Tunnelling business, Russell Cuttler, commented: “This new work cements John Holland's reputation as a leader in the Australian tunnelling industry. We look forward to extending our relationship with Melbourne Water through the delivery of this contract.”

The project will combine the specialist capabilities of John Holland's Tunnelling business with the local expertise of the company's Southern Region operation. Project managers Connell Wagner and designers GHD will work with John Holland to deliver the works. Construction is expected to commence in the coming month with the project due for completion by 2012.

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**About John Holland Group**

The John Holland Group is one of Australia's leading and most diversified contracting, engineering and services provider, operating throughout each state and territory of Australia with the unique delivery model of national specialist skills integrated with strong regional businesses.

Our capabilities range from tunnelling to power, water and telecommunications projects, as well as rail, contract mining and other services. 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.