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RE: Bill Wild appointed Deputy CEO of Leighton Holdings

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MOIR
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Bill Wild appointed Deputy CEO of Leighton Holdings

Leighton Holdings Limited is pleased to advise that in addition to his role as a Chief Operating Officer, Mr William J Wild will, effective from 2 January 2010, take on the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Leighton Holdings Limited

Leighton's Chief Executive, Mr Wal King, said that he was very pleased that Bill Wild would be taking on the role as Deputy CEO.

"Bill has been a long serving and very capable executive of the Leighton Group for 31 years and this appointment reflects his contribution and seniority to the Company.

Mr Wild was appointed Chief Operating Officer of Leighton Holdings in 2006. Prior to the COO role, Mr Wild was Managing Director and CEO of the John Holland Group from 2000 to 2006 and he has worked in Thiess, Leighton Asia and Leighton Contractors.

Mr Wild is the Chairman of Engineers Australia Taskforce on Construction Safety and an Alternate Director for Wal King, for the Australian Constructors Association. He is a graduate of the University of Queensland and the University of NSW.

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LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED, founded in Australia in 1949, is the parent company of one of the world's major project development and contracting organisations. We are also the world's largest contract miner. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1962, Leighton Holdings is a top 25 company by market capitalisation and has its head office in Sydney, Australia. Leighton Holdings owns six diverse and independent operating companies: Leighton Contractors, Thiess, Leighton International, John Holland, Leighton Asia and Leighton Properties. These operating companies provide development, construction, contract mining, and operation and maintenance services to the infrastructure, resources and property markets. They operate in more than 20 countries throughout Australia, Asia and the Middle East from headquarters in Australia, Hong Kong and Dubai. These operating companies directly employ around 40,000 employees and each function autonomously with their own Board and Managing Director.

In the 2008/09 year, Leighton Holdings had revenue of A\$18.3bn, earned a profit after tax of A\$440m and reported an average return on shareholders funds of 23%. As at 30 September 2009, the company had total assets of A\$7.5bn and net assets of A\$2.2bn. The company's financial strength is recognised by ratings agencies Moody's Investors Service, which currently assigns an issuer rating of Baa1 and Standard & Poors, which rates the company BBB.