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Leighton to provide \$500,000 cash donation and in-kind support for disaster relief

Leighton Holdings Limited today announced that its contribution to relief and reconstruction activities will include a cash donation of \$500,000 and in-kind support for those countries affected by the Asian earthquake and tsunami.

Chief Executive, Mr Wal King, said that the contribution from Leighton Group companies, including Thiess, Leighton Asia (Northern) and Leighton Asia (Southern), John Holland, Leighton Contractors and Leighton Properties, will be split between agencies in Australia, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

“We have been shocked by the extent of the human tragedy in the region. At this time, we express our deepest sympathy to those of our colleagues across the Leighton subsidiaries that have lost loved ones and friends in the disaster,” said Mr King.

Discussions are currently underway to determine the capacity to contribute in-kind services of skilled personnel and equipment in affected countries where the Group’s companies currently operate. Aceh province in Indonesia, Phuket in Thailand and southern Sri Lanka are areas of specific focus for the Group.

The Leighton Group has a long history of, and commitment to, working in the region through Thiess and the Leighton Asia companies, and will be following the progress of relief and reconstruction efforts closely through their subsidiaries PT Thiess Contractors Indonesia, PT Leighton Contractors Indonesia, Thai Leighton and Leighton Contractors Lanka (Pvt).

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