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RE: Thiess and Leighton Asia awarded \$2.6bn of contract mining work in Indonesia and Mongolia

Please find attached copies of media releases to be issued today by Thiess Pty Ltd and Leighton Asia Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

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MEDIA RELEASE

Thiess Awarded US\$1.52 billion Contract Extension for Arutmin Mines

Thiess (Indonesia) has been awarded a US\$1.52 billion contract extension by PT Arutmin Indonesia for the operation of the Senakin and Satui Coal Mines in South Kalimantan, Indonesia.

PT Arutmin Indonesia is a subsidiary of Bumi Resources.

Thiess Managing Director David Saxelby said, "The renewal of the contract is testament to Thiess' performance and commitment to Indonesia. The additional work provides a tremendous boost to our base workload for the future."

"The contract also further strengthens our relationships with Bumi Resources and reaffirms our competitive position in Indonesia."

Thiess Indonesia's operations commenced at Senakin in 1989 and at Satui in 1998 with both operations being moved to a single contract in 2000. The new contract is an extension to the existing Life of Mine and covers an additional 7 year period.

Thiess will continue its existing scope of work which includes mine planning, overburden removal, coal mining and transportation, plus operation of the coal processing plants and barge loading ports.

Thiess Indonesia President Director Roy Olsen commented that operations on both sites would be ramped up over the coming months to increase production to 12 MT of coal and 120 million cubic meters of overburden per annum.

Mr Olsen said, "The successful conversion of these projects confirms the client's confidence in the capability of our entire team and extends our long term relationship with the Arutmin projects."

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PT Thiess Contractors Indonesia

PT Thiess Contractors Indonesia, a subsidiary of Thiess Pty Ltd, is one of Indonesia's leading private contractors providing a diverse range of services to the mining, process, infrastructure, and power sectors in Indonesia.

Thiess Indonesia employs more than 6000 people across Indonesia and has more than US\$3 billion dollars worth of work in hand. The Company has been operating continuously in Indonesia for over 20 years

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Thiess Pty Ltd

Thiess is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited and is one of Australia's largest construction, mining and services contractors with operations throughout Australia, and in New Zealand, Indonesia, UAE and India. The company has an annual turnover of \$5.3 billion and work in hand of approximately \$12 billion.

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Leighton Asia has secured a A\$350 million, six year mining contract for the Ukhaakhudag coal mine project in Mongolia.

Leighton Asia is currently working on site at Ukhaakhudag undertaking the initial mine development works and has established a mining team at the site that will commence the mining contract in March 2009. The contract works includes the removal of overburden and mining of the coal, plus provision of mining planning and engineering services.

Leighton established its office in Ulaanbaatar in August 2007 and has developed a strong working relationship with Energy Resources LLC, the owner of the Ukhaakhudag coal deposit which is located in the South Gobi region of Mongolia some 200 kilometres from the China border and 540 kilometres from Ulaanbaatar.

The mining team established on site includes both local operators and experienced Leighton mining supervisors and engineers bring together a combination of local knowledge and international experience.

Hamish Tyrwhitt, managing director of Leighton Asia said, "We have developed a strong relationship with Energy Resources through working together on the development of the mine at Ukhaakhudag and we look forward to continuing to work in the team environment that we have established for this project. This contract contributes significantly towards Leighton's objective of becoming a global mining contractor."

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Leighton Asia awarded A\$350 million mining contract in Mongolia



Mining camp facilities at Ukhaakhudag coal mine, Mongolia

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About Leighton Asia

Leighton Asia is part of the Leighton Group, Australia's largest project development and contracting group with annual revenues exceeding US\$13 billion.

Leighton Asia has been operating in Asia for more than 30 years. Based in Hong Kong, the company also operates in Macau, China, Mongolia, Taiwan, the Philippines, Guam, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Focused on success and with a unique combination of local knowledge and international experience, Leighton Asia is the region's international contractor of choice.

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