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RE: Leighton Contractors in consortium awarded \$1 billion contract for the Macarthur Wind Farm development

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

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MOIR
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MELBOURNE

Vestas and Leighton Contractors consortium awarded \$1 billion contract for the Macarthur Wind Farm development

Leighton Contractors, in consortium with Vestas, has today been awarded a contract by the AGL and Meridian Joint Venture for the \$1 billion Macarthur Wind Farm development in the Western Districts of Victoria.

Proposed as the largest wind farm in the southern hemisphere, the farm will generate up to 420 Megawatts of electricity - enough energy to power around 220,000 average Victorian homes each year. It is expected the first section of the wind farm will be complete in May 2012, with a total project completion date scheduled for early 2013.

Leighton Contractors will undertake the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC), consisting of associated balance of plant design, construction and commissioning of the electrical, mechanical and civil works. The value of the contract to the company is approximately \$290 million.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said the company was thrilled to be selected by the AGL and Meridian joint venture, in consortium with Vestas.

"Leighton Contractors is extremely proud to be working on such an iconic project on behalf of AGL and Meridian," he said.

"This is a vital piece of infrastructure for the renewable energy industry and the wider community. Our priority will be to deliver a quality project on time, while ensuring our teams meet world class safety standards.

"Australia has excellent wind resources by world standards and this project will assist AGL and Meridian to further utilise this resource to reduce CO2 emissions and contribute to a more environmentally sustainable future for Australia.

"As a company, Leighton Contractors is investing significantly in exploring a range of options for alternative energy across the country in collaboration with our technology partners.

"This announcement is great recognition for our commitment to this area - we're pleased to be a part of this dynamic industry during a period of such growth."

Phil Cooper, Executive General Manager of Leighton Contractors, said they were looking forward to working with Vestas once again, to deliver another essential green power project.

"Vestas and Leighton Contractors have an established track record of quality project delivery and an experienced team of engineering, procurement and construction professionals," he said.

"We have previously worked with Vestas to construct the Lake Bonney Wind Farm in South Australia which was the biggest wind farm in Australia at the time of completion.

“Our extensive knowledge and networks on the ground means we are well placed to deliver this development. It’s a good example of the value that quality partnerships can add to a project to create world-class, environmentally sustainable outcomes.”

The scope of works for the two contracts is inclusive of the Macarthur Wind Farm 33/132kV sub-station, Tarrone 132/500kV terminal sub-station, 12 km of 132kV overhead transmission line to the Tarrone terminal sub-station, 33kV underground cable collector systems, sub-station SCADA interface, as well as the international shipping, local transportation and mechanical erection of the 85 metre towers, machine heads and blades.

Macarthur Wind Farm will be jointly developed by leading Australian energy company AGL and Meridian.

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About Leighton Contractors

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia’s leading contracting and project development groups with over \$8.8 billion work in hand, employing more than 9,000 people across Australia and New Zealand. The company services clients across a range of industries and sectors including resources, construction, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure and facility management.

About Vestas

Vestas Wind Systems is a Danish manufacturer and installer of wind turbines. They are currently the largest wind turbine supplier in the world and aim to ensure that wind power remains at the top of the global energy agenda. The company operates manufacturing plants in across Europe, India, China, Australia, and the United States, and employs more than 20,000 people globally. Vestas have installed over 40,000 wind turbines in 65 countries on five continents and was voted Top Green Company of 2006 by Environment Leader.