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Dear Sir,

Re: John Holland Awarded \$125 Million Construction Contract in Western Australia

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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ASX MEDIA RELEASE

John Holland Awarded \$125 Million Construction Contract in Western Australia

Brisbane, September 12, 2008 – John Holland is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$125 million contract for Structural Mechanical and Piping construction works on Worsley Alumina's \$2.5 billion Efficiency and Growth Alumina Refinery Project in Western Australia.

The Area 1 mechanical and piping works will increase the alumina refinery capacity by over 30 per cent, from 3.5 to 4.6 million tonnes per annum. The contract will involve construction of new processing facilities for bauxite blending and storage, calcination, filtration, classification and alumina handling. Process piping works and modifications to the site's existing precipitation facility will also be undertaken as part of the works.

John Holland's scope of work includes pre-assembly and installation of 6000 tonnes of structural steel, 56,000 metres of piping and 200 tonnes of bulk mechanical items.

John Holland Group Managing Director, David Stewart said: "This new contract again highlights our position as a leading provider of innovative engineering services to the Australian resources sector. We look forward to re-establishing a strong relationship with Worsley Alumina and the individual joint venture partners involved with the project."

General Manager of John Holland's Structural Mechanical Process business, Brendan Petersen, said: "This is the major mechanical and piping installation package for Worsley's E&G Project and follows on from our recent contract win on the Yarwun Alumina Refinery Project in Queensland. The new contract highlights our previous experience in refinery construction and reinforces our position as one of the leading providers of construction services in the minerals processing industry."

Work will commence in September, 2008 and is expected to be completed by June, 2010.

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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, structural, mechanical and electrical solutions in the resources sector, as well as rail, contract mining, aviation maintenance 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.