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RE: John Holland Selected for \$200 Million Western Highway Realignment Alliance

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,

A. J. MOIR
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ASX RELEASE

John Holland Selected for \$200 Million Western Highway Realignment Alliance

Melbourne, 14 September 2009: John Holland, in an alliance with VicRoads and AECOM, has been selected to construct the \$200 million new Western Freeway route between Melton and Bacchus Marsh, west of Melbourne. The realignment will extend south of the existing freeway and link Harkness Road at Melton West with Bacchus Marsh Road at Bacchus Marsh.

Construction will involve the delivery of a new interchange at Woolpack Road, which will provide connections on and off the Western Freeway. The interchange and associated road links will improve safety and freight movements between regional centres. It will also include local road overpasses linking Bulmans Road and Clarkes Road at Melton West with an overpass carrying Hopetoun Park Road across the freeway.

New major bridgeworks will also be delivered, carrying the freeway over Djerriwarrh Creek, Cowans Road and Pyrites Creek. A new bridge spanning the Lerderderg River will be constructed as part of the Woolpack Road extension. In response to community feedback, the alliance is investigating the opportunity of restoring access to Hopetoun Park Road.

John Holland Group Managing Director, Glenn Palin, said: "This award reflects our existing relationship with VicRoads and our strong performance on previous road projects in Victoria. John Holland has a history of excellence in the delivery of major road projects right across Australia and we welcome the opportunity to again work with VicRoads."

General Manager of John Holland's Southern Region, David Moran, said: "We are really excited about the commencement of this new work and the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with VicRoads. The project has been awarded both on the strength of our project team and the innovative solutions developed to ensure the efficient delivery of the project. At the heart of our solution is a focus on providing value for money for the State of Victoria."

The Australian Government is contributing \$160 million towards the \$200 million Western Highway realignment from its Nation Building Program and the Victorian Government is contributing the balance from its \$38 billion Victorian Transport Plan. Work will commence in early 2010 and is expected to be completed by early 2012.

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About John Holland

John Holland is one of Australia's leading and most diversified contracting, engineering and services providers. Operating across Australia, John Holland's business is driven by its unique delivery model, combining national specialist skills with strong regional civil construction and building businesses. Our operating principles, *People, Performance, Partnerships* and *Profit*, remain a focus in all that we do.

Our experience covers a wide range of contracting and services capabilities, from tunnelling to power, water to communications and engineering and construction solutions in the resources and energy sectors; along with rail, contract mining and aviation maintenance services. These niche skills are underpinned by industry leading capabilities in building and civil construction.

Our strength lies in our ability to deliver diverse, complex and challenging major projects, our partnership approach to client relationships and our absolute commitment to our people and their careers. With over 6,000 people across Australia and work in hand over \$5 billion, John Holland has the capability to deliver almost any project anywhere in Australia.

John Holland celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2009.