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RE: Thiess awarded A\$1 billion contract for Bayan's TSA & FKP Coal Mine Projects

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

Yours faithfully,
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NEWS RELEASE

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THIESS AWARDED AU\$1 BILLION CONTRACT FOR BAYAN'S TSA & FKP COAL MINE PROJECTS

Thiess (Indonesia) has been awarded a 5 year, AU\$1 billion contract for the development and operation of the Teguh Sinar Abadi (TSA) and Firman Ketaun Perkasa (FKP) Coal Mines. TSA and FKP are subsidiaries of Bayan Resources in Indonesia.

The Mines are part of the Bayan Group's expansion plans and are located near Melak in East Kalimantan. The new contract includes mine planning, overburden removal, coal mining, plus loading and transportation of coal from the mine site to the river port.

Work will commence immediately with client supplied equipment already onsite. The initial production target is 4 million tonnes of coal and 40 million BCM of overburden per annum, to be achieved by the third year.

Thiess Managing Director David Saxelby said, "The TSA/FKP Mines are a key project for Thiess as it is the first with the expanding Bayan Group and is also an important step in our Indonesian diversification strategy.

"It will provide us an opportunity to reinforce within the market the depth of expertise within our mining and construction business in Indonesia."

Thiess has secured three new resources contracts in Indonesia over the past 6 months taking work in hand for the Indonesian operations to in excess of AU\$2 billion and reconfirms its presence as one of the Indonesia largest resources contractors.

Thiess Indonesia President Director Roy Olsen said, "Throughout the tender process we've been able to consistently demonstrate our ability to add value to our client's project. We've done this consistently not only in our mining here in Indonesia but right across our mining business."

"Thiess gives them the confidence that they are working with a contractor who can deliver reliable production and meet the guaranteed sales going forward. Our outstanding safety performance adds to our standing with Bayan."

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About PT Thiess 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 in excess of AU\$2 billion dollars worth of work in hand

For more information please visit www.thiess.co.id.

For a geographical location of the Melak site please visit:

http://maps.google.com.au/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=Melak,+Indonesia&sll=-25.335448,135.745076&sspn=37.743618,55.546875&ie=UTF8&cd=1&geocode=FadB_P8dr03nBg&safe=on&ll=1.164471,114.873047&spn=10.048501,13.886719&z=6

About Thiess Pty Ltd

Thiess is one of Australia's largest construction, mining and services contractors with operations throughout Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and India. The company has an annual turnover of \$4.6 billion plus and work in hand of approximately \$12 billion.

Thiess is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

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