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Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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20 Bridge Street
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Dear Sir,

Re: John Holland awarded \$180 million contract for Auburn Maintenance Facility for Reliance Rail Consortium

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by John Holland Group Pty Ltd, a 99% subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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MEDIA RELEASE

John Holland Awarded \$180 million contract for Auburn Maintenance Facility for Reliance Rail Consortium

Australia, 14th December 2006 - The John Holland Group has been awarded a \$180 million contract as part of the Reliance Rail Consortium. The contract includes:

- Design and Construction of the Maintenance Facility Component for the supply and maintenance contract for new rolling stock for RailCorp.

Involving two divisions of John Holland, NSW Region and Rail, the multi-disciplinary scope of work includes:-

- Design and construction of the maintenance facility at Auburn;
- Associated siteworks;
- Trackworks;
- Infrastructure involving building, rail infrastructure and civil engineering.

Dennis Brewer, John Holland General Manager NSW/ACT said that the Group's proven expertise in the area of building and rail infrastructure, coupled with an impressive safety, quality and environmental record was critical to our success in being awarded this project.

The Reliance Rail PPP will see the supply of 626 double-deck passenger railcars which are to be maintained over a period of 30 years. John Holland is contracted directly to EDI Rail, a division of Downer EDI Limited.

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Notes to editors

John Holland Group is Australia's largest and most diverse specialist contracting business operating throughout each state and territory of Australia and combining national coverage with local knowledge.

Our capabilities range from tunnelling and underground mining through to power and high voltage transmission projects. 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