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Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear Sir,

Re: Leighton announces financial results for Third Quarter to 31 March and new building work in Dubai

Please find attached copies of media releases to be issued today Leighton Holdings Limited and by Leighton International Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Leighton work in hand increases to \$28bn, confirms full year profit to be up by at least 30%

Leighton Holdings Limited today announced an increase in operating profit after tax (unaudited) for the nine months to 31 March 2008 to \$375m (\$273m last year). The result is a positive indicator for the full year and is consistent with the company's guidance that 2008 profit will be up by at least 30% on last year's record result of \$450m.

Leighton Holdings' Chief Executive, Mr Wal King, reported that this was a pleasing result for the period with total revenue for the nine months of \$10.0bn, up 16% from \$8.6bn last year and work in hand of \$28.1bn, up 48% from \$19bn at the same time last year.

"This demonstrates the momentum of our contracting operations in Australia and Asia, and the strength of the Group's portfolio of contracts, assets and other development activities. Included in the result is the write down of 100% of the Group's direct investment in Connector Motorways of \$60m and a write down in our investment in JF Infrastructure of \$72m, which also includes their investment in Connector Motorways," said Mr King.

"Following the completion of the final transfer arrangements and conditions precedent, the Group has also recognised a net gain of \$150m on the sale of the Group's Gulf Leighton operations into Al Habtoor. The Group is in an enviable position in that its portfolio can be managed to ensure optimal value realisation from assets, developments and operating performance. We have portfolio diversity which enables us to consistently deliver strong returns to shareholders," he said.

A summary of financial information for the third quarter is attached (refer Appendix).

"Highlights for the March quarter include the award of a US\$720m contract for the construction of offshore pipelines in India and contracts worth a total of A\$1bn over 20 years, to develop and operate an open cut coal mine in India's north eastern coal fields," said Mr King.

"The Group also secured three new projects worth US\$300m in Hong Kong and the Philippines, and a US\$350m contract for the construction of a major mixed-use development in Abu Dhabi. In Australia, the Group was awarded a \$344m contract to provide mine services at Rio Tinto's Mesa A iron ore operation in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

"Other new contracts included a share of a \$700m upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway and the construction of a major link on the Bruce Highway, both in Queensland," he said.

"The Group's outlook remains very positive and we see an excess of opportunities in resources, infrastructure and property, both here in Australia and across Asia.

"The resources boom is set to continue for coal, iron ore and energy related commodities into the next decade and current investments, and those planned to eliminate bottlenecks, should support increased export volumes in the future. The step up in investment in new mines and related infrastructure will lead to increased export volumes over the next few years and supports good, long term opportunities for contract mining," said Mr King.

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“Investment in infrastructure will continue to be driven by a growing population, past under-investment and a commitment by governments to resolve some of the existing bottlenecks and deficiencies. We welcome the Federal Government’s recent budget announcement of three new funds that will provide more than \$40bn for capital investment in infrastructure, education and health to strengthen the economy,” he said.

“Leading forecasters suggest that Australia needs to invest up to A\$380bn over the next decade rebuilding major public infrastructure. Construction levels across the infrastructure market are forecast to stay strong for the next five years stimulated by Australia’s sustained economic growth. Major projects that are in bidding or will be bid include the \$3bn+ Airport Link in Brisbane, a \$3bn desalination plant in Vic and a \$1bn desalination plant in SA.

“The medical, educational and defence sectors of the non-residential property market should benefit from continued investment from governments. Major projects under bid include the Department of Defence’s \$1.2bn Single LEAP project, the \$700m Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney and the \$1bn Fiona Stanley Hospital in WA,” said Mr King.

“We see enormous opportunities in the Gulf which is undergoing an unprecedented construction boom. The Group has a solid foundation in that market through the 45% investment in Al Habtoor and is well positioned to capitalise on the vast opportunities that the Gulf and broader Middle East-North Africa region offers.

“The Group’s balance sheet is a source of competitive advantage and has remained strong with total assets of \$6.4bn and gross cash of \$443m. We have a great array of opportunities, both in Australia and Asia, and will continue to match our capital planning with these growth opportunities.

“We remain on track for an increase in profit for the full year of at least 30% on last year’s \$450m, which was up 63% on the previous year. The Leighton Group has a diversified business which has great momentum and we therefore see that revenue growth for the next 3 years should be more than 10% per annum,” said Mr King.

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LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED is the parent company of Australia’s largest project development and contracting group. Founded in 1949, the organisation has grown into a diversified group that includes Thiess, John Holland, Leighton Contractors, Leighton Asia, Leighton International and Leighton Properties. With around 30,000 direct employees, the Group’s operations are spread all around the Asia-Pacific region on projects in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Macau, India and the Arabian Gulf. Leighton Group companies offer a broad range of project development and contracting services and skills to public and private sector clients across a wide range of industries. Project development skills – infrastructure, property or resources based – and project management of construction and property developments complement the Group’s contracting activities. These activities include construction, mining and services. Leighton Holdings (LEI) is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and has its head office in Sydney.

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APPENDIX

KEY PERFORMANCE FEATURES FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH

	9 months ended 31 March 2008 Unaudited	9 months ended 31 March 2007 Unaudited
Income Statement information	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue - Group	7,001,891	7,348,136
- Joint Venture and Associates	3,004,134	1,280,257
Total Revenue	10,006,025	8,628,393
Profit before tax	475,800	357,654
Income tax expense	(100,465)	(82,077)
Profit after tax	375,335	275,577
Profit attributable to minority interest	(330)	(2,144)
Profit attributable to members	375,005	273,433
Balance Sheet information		
Total assets	6,429,494	4,235,457
Total liabilities	5,100,977	3,064,932
Net assets	1,328,517	1,170,525
Earnings per share	135¢	98¢
Number of employees	30,410	26,996

Al Habtoor Leighton Group wins AED 1.55 billion mixed-use project in Dubai

15 May 2008

The Al Habtoor Leighton Group, through its Dubai division of Al Habtoor Engineering, has been awarded an AED 1.55 billion contract for the construction of a major mixed-use development in Dubai for Muzoon Holdings.

The project, known as the Esplanade, is located in Al Barsha opposite the renowned Mall of the Emirates. It comprises:

- Five residential towers
- Two five-star hotels
- One commercial tower
- One tower featuring a health club and spa
- A carpark and podium for retail and offices
- Water features and landscaping

Construction on the project will commence in June this year and will be completed by June 2011.

Managing Director of the Al Habtoor Leighton Group, David Savage, said the new project reaffirms the Group's position as the leading contractor in the UAE.

"Muzoon Holdings was looking for a contractor that was able to deliver a quality project, within a tight time-frame in a relatively stretched market," Mr Savage said.

"We're delighted that they have selected Al Habtoor Engineering's Dubai division to deliver such an important project.

"The Al Habtoor Leighton Group is aiming to be the leading contractor in the Middle East and North African region.

"Our successful delivery of projects such as this, for blue-chip clients like Muzoon Holdings, will help us achieve this goal," he said.

The new contract takes the Group's current workload to a new record.

"This large-scale project takes the Al Habtoor Leighton Group's work in hand to almost AED 17 billion, and helps provide a strong platform for our anticipated future growth," he said.

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About the Al Habtoor Leighton Group

The Al Habtoor Leighton Group was established in September 2007 following the merger of Al Habtoor Engineering with the Arabian Gulf operations of Leighton International. The new entity immediately became the UAE's largest construction group, with revenue of over AED 6 billion in 2007. The Group comprises four key operating divisions: Al Habtoor Engineering Dubai; Al Habtoor Engineering Abu Dhabi; Al Habtoor Engineering Qatar; and Gulf Leighton. Leighton International owns a 45% stake in the Group.

Leighton International is part of the Leighton Group, Australia's largest project development and contracting group with annual revenues exceeding US\$10 billion.

For further information on:

Al Habtoor Engineering, please visit: www.habtoorengg.ae

Leighton International, please visit: www.leightonint.com

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