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Company Announcements Office
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Dear Sir,

Re: John Holland awarded \$136.5m Yarwun 2 Alumina Refinery construction contract

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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Company Secretary



ASX MEDIA RELEASE

John Holland Awarded \$136.5 Million Yarwun 2 Alumina Refinery Construction Contract

Brisbane, July 15, 2008 – John Holland is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$136.5 million contract for construction works associated with Rio Tinto Alcan's Yarwun 2 Alumina Refinery in Gladstone, Queensland.

The contract will include the construction of five new alumina process areas, including installation of 10,000 tonnes of structural steel, 986 pieces of mechanical machinery, 100 kilometres of piping and 40 kilometres of thermal insulation.

Rio Tinto Alcan's Yarwun refinery expansion will more than double annual production, increasing alumina output by two million tonnes and improving process and environmental efficiency.

John Holland Group Managing Director, David Stewart said: "This new contract extends our longstanding relationship with Rio Tinto and reflects our position as a leading provider of innovative engineering services to the Australian resources sector."

General Manager of John Holland's Structural Mechanical Process division, Brendan Petersen, said: "This is a prominent and important project for our business and follows our involvement in the initial refinery expansion project in 2002. We value long term relationships with clients such as Rio Tinto and believe our involvement in the project planning stages will help us deliver this project successfully."

The contract work is due to commence in July, 2008 with a target completion date set for April, 2010. The construction work under the contract will bolster the employment market in central Queensland, with John Holland's project workforce expected to peak in July, 2009 with almost 600 personnel.

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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, as well as rail, contract mining 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.