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RE: Leighton Contractors in alliance to deliver vital link for QR

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

Yours faithfully,

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Leighton Contractors in alliance to deliver vital link for QR

An alliance involving Leighton Contractors has been awarded a contract worth approximately \$370 million dollars to deliver a component of QR's Goonyella to Abbot Point (GAP) Expansion Project in Central Queensland.

Partners from the CoalConnect Alliance, Leighton Contractors, QR, GHD and KBR, will deliver the Northern Missing Link which will involve below ballast works on the greenfield link between the existing Goonyella and Newlands rail systems. Work will also include duplication works on part of the Newlands rail system.

The contract includes \$68 million previously allocated to the Alliance in 2008 to commence earthworks on the project.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said the company is well positioned to deliver the project and is proud of its award winning expertise in the rail construction field.

"We have a strong track record in a number of key rail infrastructure projects across Australia," Mr McMorrow said.

"This expertise and experience is invaluable in delivering rail construction projects such as the CoalConnect Alliance."

Darren Weir, General Manager of Leighton Contractors Northern Region, said the project was a key part of QR's capital expenditure program.

"We are delighted to support the expansion of Queensland's rail capacity, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with QR to see these vital works come to fruition," Mr Weir said.

The project, which is due for completion in December 2011, will significantly increase the carrying capacity and reliability of the central Queensland coal rail system.

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About Leighton Contractors

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia's leading contracting and project development groups with approximately \$8.8 billion work in hand, employing more than 9,000 people across Australia and New Zealand.

The company services clients across a range of industries and sectors including resources, construction, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure and facility management.