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Dear Sir,

**Re: Thiess Awarded \$260 Million Curragh North Mine Contract Extension**

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

Yours faithfully  
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# NEWS RELEASE



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## **THIESS AWARDED \$260 MILLION CURRAGH NORTH MINE CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Thiess Pty Ltd has secured a \$260 million contract extension from Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd for coal mining and pre-strip overburden removal at its Curragh North Mine in Queensland's Bowen Basin.

Welcoming today's announcement Managing Director David Saxelby said, "We are proud to continue our relationship with Wesfarmers Curragh and believe the successful performance benchmarks we have set at Curragh North since 2004 will continue for the next three years and beyond."

The 33 month contract includes mining almost 90 million cubic metres of overburden and coal at the site. Michael Rosengren, General Manager for Thiess' Australian Mining Business affirmed that the company's strength is being able to deliver better outcomes on-time for our clients.

"There is no doubt about that. We've proved again and again that we can deliver professional and competitive services across the broad spectrum of our mining business. Thiess has the capacity to best practice manage key resources like people, equipment and tyres. This provides the means to get best productivity each time."

Thiess was first awarded the contract for Curragh North in October 2004. The contract included the construction of infrastructure, mining and pre-strip activities for the site. An initial project target was set requiring the exposure of 100,000 tonnes of coal by March 2005. One week prior to the deadline, the team had exposed 180,000 tonnes. Thiess has not only exceeded production targets but has maintained extremely high safety standards during the total contract period of 47 months. To date, not a single lost time injury has occurred, demonstrating a safety commitment to, and by all Thiess people associated with the project.

The Curragh North Mine is located 38km north of Blackwater and is part of the overall Curragh Mine complex.

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**Thiess Pty Ltd**

Thiess is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited and 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 \$5.3 billion and work in hand of approximately \$12 billion.