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RE: Nextgen Networks awarded \$200 million Government contract

Leighton owned telecommunications provider Nextgen Networks has been awarded a contract to supply the Department of Defence with high capacity transmission services.

The contract, valued in excess of \$200 million over its five year term, will see Nextgen deploying new fibre-optic cable infrastructure to extend its existing network. The contract will utilise the Group's capabilities for the design, construction, operations and maintenance of the network.

This contract will enhance Nextgen's position in the Australian telecommunications market. When completed Nextgen will become the owner and operator of one of Australia's largest competitive long haul networks.

Yours faithfully,

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