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Dear Sir,

**Re: John Holland in Winning Consortium to Build Sydney Desalination Plant**

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by John Holland Group Pty Ltd, a 99% subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully  
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

PETER JANU  
Secretary



**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **John Holland in Winning Consortium to Build Sydney Desalination Plant**

**Sydney 18 July 2007** – John Holland is pleased to announce that the Bluewater Joint Venture, consisting of John Holland and Veolia Water, today signed the \$960 million contract to design and construct the Sydney Desalination Plant.

The Bluewater Joint Venture has been chosen to design, build, operate and maintain the plant at Kurnell for 20 years. John Holland's interest in the project is valued at approximately \$600 million.

“John Holland is delighted to have been awarded this landmark water infrastructure project in joint venture with our partners,” said John Holland's Group Managing Director, David Stewart.

“John Holland's specialist knowledge in both tunnelling and water, combined with the strength of our NSW construction business will be critically important in delivering a project of this scope.

“John Holland and Veolia are already working together on the Gold Coast Desalination project. Our winning proposal for Sydney focused strongly on international best practice in the development of desalination plants, along with a commitment to safety, the environment and community consultation.

“The project will have an estimated on-site workforce of 600 people, as well as employing a further 1,200 off-site fabrication and manufacturing personnel.

“We look forward to working closely with Sydney Water and the NSW Government throughout the design and construction phases,” concluded David Stewart.

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## **Sydney Desalination Plant – Construction Facts**

The 250ML/day Sydney Desalination project will feature reverse osmosis technology, with inlet and outlet structures and tunnels, a drinking water storage facility and administration building. Works will include landscaping and rehabilitation of the site.

The scope of the works includes:

- Placement of 60,000 cubic metres of concrete
- Installation of 9,000 tonnes of reinforcing steel
- Fabrication and erection of 3,000 tonnes of structural steel
- Supply and installation of more than 3,000 mechanical items
- 150,000 cubic metres of earthworks
- Construction of more than 16 kms of pipework
- Supply and installation of 200 pumps
- Installation of more than 480 kms of electrical cables and 94 kms of data cables

*1,000,000 litres = 1 megalitre (ML)*

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### **Notes to Editors:**

The John Holland Group is one of Australia's largest and most diverse specialist contracting businesses, operating throughout each state and territory of Australia and combining national coverage with local knowledge.

Our capabilities range from tunnelling and underground mining through to power, water and high voltage transmission projects. 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.