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Leighton Group donates \$2 million to Queensland Disaster Relief Appeal.

Leighton Holdings Limited today bolstered its contribution to the Queensland Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal to \$2 million, to further assist flood victims in central and south east Queensland.

Mr David Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of Leighton Holdings Limited, said the Company was committed to assisting with the immediate relief effort and the longer term recovery process.

"The Leighton Group has a strong track record when it comes to supporting the communities in which we operate, and we will be making every effort to assist those devastated by the recent floods," Mr Stewart said.

"This is not going to be a quick process, however we're committed to helping local communities recover and rebuild.

"To date our Australian operating companies Thiess, Leighton Contractors and John Holland have donated in excess of \$250,000 to the Appeal.

"This collective financial contribution will now be increased to \$1 million with another \$1 million being donated by the parent company Leighton Holdings Limited.

"The Leighton Group is also providing, and will continue to provide, ongoing support services and equipment in addition to the \$2 million cash contribution.

"We have been supplying portable buildings, vehicles, people, plant and equipment to assist with the relief and recovery efforts, and our work crews are supporting the clean-up efforts in Brisbane and Ipswich and providing assistance to repair rail infrastructure in central Queensland."

Mr Stewart said the Leighton Group would also match dollar for dollar all employee donations made to the appeal.

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