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RE: John Holland Awarded \$250 Million Maitland to Whittingham Third Road Alliance Project

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

Yours faithfully,
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ASX MEDIA RELEASE

John Holland Awarded \$250 Million Maitland to Whittingham Third Road Alliance Project

Sydney, 20 May 2009: John Holland, in an alliance with GHD and the Australian Rail Track Corporation, is pleased to announce it has been awarded the tender to construct the \$250 million Maitland to Whittingham Third Road Alliance project. The project will involve the construction of a 42.8 kilometre third track from Maitland to Whittingham.

The project will be divided into two stages to accelerate delivery of the project. The construct only stage one Minimbah to Whittingham works will involve the construction of approximately 10.8 kilometres of new track, civil, road and bridge works. Signalling works will also be coordinated with this package.

The comprehensive stage two contract, the Maitland to Minimbah works, includes the design and construction of a third track adjacent to the existing mainline between Maitland and Minimbah. Also included in the package are design, documentation, surveying and services relocation work. The 32 kilometres of new track will directly connect with the stage one works.

Full scope of work for the complete project includes:

- Design and documentation from concept to construction and commissioning;
- Comprehensive geotechnical investigations, including a review of existing data, detailed site investigations, analysis of ground conditions and subsequent reporting with construction recommendations;
- Site surveying;
- Environmental assessment and planning approvals;
- Property acquisition; and
- Earthworks and construction.

John Holland Group Managing Director, David Stewart said: "This new contract strengthens our existing relationship with the Australian Rail Track Corporation. John Holland is an industry

leader in the delivery of vital rail duplication projects. We look forward to the successful delivery of this work in conjunction with our project partners.”

Executive General Manager of John Holland’s Rail business, Karl Mociak, commented: “This appointment highlights John Holland’s capacity to deliver multi-disciplinary rail projects in collaboration with our colleagues in the wider business.”

The Maitland to Whittingham Third Road Alliance project is part of a major infrastructure program coordinated through ARTC. The program is designed to boost Australia’s export capacity in the resources sector. Major construction works on the project will commence in mid-2009, with both projects expected to be completed by March 2012.

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About John Holland Group

John Holland is one of Australia’s leading and most diversified contracting, engineering and services providers. Operating throughout each state and territory of Australia, John Holland’s business is driven by its unique delivery model, combining national specialist skills with strong regional civil construction and building businesses. Our operating principles, People, Performance, Partnerships and Profit, remain a focus in all that we do.

Our capabilities range from tunnelling to power, water to communications, structural, mechanical and electrical solutions in the resources sector, as well as rail, contract mining, aviation maintenance and integrated facilities maintenance services. These niche skills are underpinned by 60 years of experience in the building and civil sectors. Our strength lies in our ability to deliver diverse, complex and challenging major works, our partnership approach to client relationships and our absolute commitment to our people and their careers.

John Holland celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2009.