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**RE: Thiess and Leighton Contractors share in \$1.34 billion of Regional Rail Link contracts in Victoria**

Please find attached copies of media releases to be issued today by Thiess Pty Ltd and Leighton Contractors Pty Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

A.J. MOIR  
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# Media release



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*Melbourne*

## Leighton Contractors part of Joint Venture to deliver major Regional Rail Link work package

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The Victorian Government's Regional Rail Link Authority has awarded Leighton Contractors, in a joint venture with Boulderstone, a contract of about \$505 million to design and construct as part of the Regional Rail Link project.

Regional Rail Link is a major new rail line that will run from West Werribee to Deer Park and through Melbourne's western suburbs to Southern Cross Station. By separating regional trains from metropolitan trains, Regional Rail Link will give Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat trains their own dedicated tracks through the metropolitan rail system, freeing up space for additional suburban services.

The Boulderstone Leighton joint venture will deliver the greenfield segment that runs between Deer Park and West Werribee Junction. The works include 25 kilometres of new broad gauge double railway track with a design speed of 160km/h and two new railway stations at Tarneit and Wyndham Vale. Also included in the project are a number of grade separations and new rail bridges.

Peter Ryan, Leighton Contractors' General Manager of Construction in Victoria, said "this new contract strengthens our relationship with the Department of Transport and extends our capability in the rail sector".

"Leighton Contractors has significant experience in the delivery of major infrastructure projects and we are excited by the opportunity to work with our joint venture partners to deliver an outstanding project for the people of Victoria".

Design work will commence in January 2012.

This contract builds on Leighton Contractors' existing national rail capability which includes projects such as the Westall Rail Upgrade project as well as the Kingsgrove to Revesby Quadruplication and Richmond Line Alliance in Sydney.

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### **About Leighton Contractors**

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia's leading contracting and project development groups with approximately \$10.8 billion work in hand and employing around 10,000 people across Australia and New Zealand. The company services clients across a range of industries and sectors including resources, construction, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure and facility management.

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## THIESS AWARDED VICTORIAN REGIONAL RAIL LINK ALLIANCE CONTRACT

Thiess has been awarded an \$835 million contract for works on the Footscray to Deer Park section of Regional Rail Link Project, jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian governments.

In an Alliance with construction partners Balfour Beatty and design partners Parsons Brinckerhoff and Sinclair Knight Merz, Thiess will join with the Regional Rail Link Authority, Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) and V/Line to design and construct a key section of the first major new rail line for metropolitan Melbourne in 80 years.

Considered a critical component of Melbourne's rail network, the Regional Rail Link will separate regional trains from metropolitan trains for the first time giving Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat trains their own dedicated tracks - increasing capacity and reliability.

Thiess Managing Director, Bruce Munro, said the company was ideally placed to deliver the project which will provide improved connectivity and greater flexibility for the community.

"We are excited about the opportunity in this historic investment in Victorian rail which will bring significant benefits to the western suburbs and to regional Victorian communities both socially and economically," he said.

Key features of the Footscray to Deer Park section include:

- Construction of 7.5 kilometres of new regional track
- New rail bridges
- Two road / rail separations at level crossings on Anderson Road, Sunshine
- New station at West Footscray featuring a pedestrian overpass and increased car parking
- Station upgrades at Footscray and Sunshine, including new platforms and new station forecourts
- Improvements to Tottenham station, including additional car parking
- Design and construction of train control systems (TCS) for the metropolitan lines
- Improvement works to level crossings at Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer and Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park.

General Manager Vic/SA/Tas/NZ, Rod Heale, said the alliance delivery model would provide the client with an optimal solution drawing on the skills and expertise of local and worldwide rail specialists.

"We have worked closely with our Alliance partners through the selection process to develop a program of works that addresses engineering challenges, community expectations and that will be experienced on a complex project like this," he said.

"We are confident that our team has the right skills, experience and innovative thinking to successfully deliver the project, while minimising disruption to rail services and ensuring the safety of everybody."

The team has already commenced mobilisation with major works between Hopkins Street, Footscray and Anderson Road, Sunshine expected to commence in early 2012.

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**See project animation video at [www.thiess.com.au](http://www.thiess.com.au)**

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