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LEIGHTON SERVICES ACQUIRES AMEC AUSTRALIA ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Leighton Services, a subsidiary of Leighton Contractors Pty Limited, has acquired the business and assets of AMEC Engineering's Technical Services (ATS) and Engineering and Construction (E&C) divisions.

Both divisions were wholly owned subsidiaries of AMEC plc, an international project management and services company, headquartered in the UK and listed on the London Stock Exchange. The sale excludes AMEC's South East Asian Oil and Gas business, which has its regional headquarters in Perth, Western Australia.

The businesses specialise in providing multidiscipline services and engineering solutions for clients in the resource, process, manufacturing and infrastructure sectors.

The range of services includes design, construction, manufacturing and maintenance along with specialist engineering and testing services such as condition monitoring, reliability engineering and non-destructive testing.

Clients include the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Corporation, Western Mining Corporation and Alcoa.

As part of the acquisition, both divisions will be renamed. The Adelaide based AMEC Engineering will become Mayfield and the Perth based ATS will become Metlabs. This sees them revert to names by which they were known for over 60 years, prior to their acquisition by AMEC.

Under the agreement, all 500 staff will be transferred across to the new entities.

"The acquisition enhances and broadens the reach of Leighton Services' current business," said General Manager of Leighton Services, Phil Cooper.

"There is significant potential for growth across the markets in which Mayfield and Metlabs are operating and we hope to capitalise on these opportunities."

"The skills base extends our capability to support our clients in both the delivery and operations of their assets."

"There are also a number of opportunities to extend the services that Leighton Contractors offers to existing clients, particularly in the mining and industrial sectors through this acquisition."

Leighton Services is an independent operating business of Leighton Contractors that responds to the long-term requirements of clients across Australia in transport, telecommunications, and facilities management. After the acquisition, Leighton Services has an annual turnover of approximately \$350m and employs over 700 staff.

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