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Company Announcements Office
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Dear Sir,

Re: Thiess secures \$800m mining contract at Prominent Hill

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

Yours faithfully,
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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THIESS SECURES \$800M MINING CONTRACT AT PROMINENT HILL

Thiess Pty Ltd has been confirmed as the mining contractor for the Prominent Hill Copper-Gold project, following an Oxiana Limited Board of Directors meeting earlier today.

"We are pleased that the Board has approved the contract and we are looking forward to working with Oxiana over the longer term," said David Saxelby, Thiess Chief Executive Australian Operations.

The contract, worth approximately \$800M in value, will see Thiess provide mining services for the extraction of approximately 153 million cubic metres (bcms) of overburden and waste, and 38 million tonnes of treatable ore, over a six year period.

Thiess' work at Prominent Hill is expected to create a copper-gold pit some 1.2kms wide, 1.4kms long on the surface and 500 metres deep.

Owen Hegarty, Oxiana's Managing Director, said, "Oxiana is delighted to have engaged Thiess as its mining contractor at Prominent Hill and believe it has the experience and ability to do a first-rate job. Thiess has ready access to a skilled workforce and the ability to train and develop its people. Thiess has already commenced the mobilisation of mining equipment to the site, ensuring that the works can commence immediately."

Thiess has commenced early works activities at Prominent Hill with the construction of mine site infrastructure, inclusive of a mobile equipment workshop and site offices.

"The early works activities are already providing employment for local South Australians. Our plant partners, Cavpower, the South Australian Caterpillar dealer and Liebherr Australia, have both created new jobs to manage the assembly and commissioning of our new plant and it is great that we can contribute to the local community in this way," said Mr Saxelby.

Tony Everuss, Cavpower General Manager Mining, advised that an additional 25 staff have been employed at Cavpower's Whyalla assembly facility.

Liebherr Australia has been contracted to supply and assemble three R996 backhoe mining excavators for Thiess. Each machine assembly will require a team of twelve personnel and will take approximately three weeks to complete.

"We look forward to a rewarding relationship with Oxiana and we are pleased to be involved in the growth of the mining industry in South Australia," said Mr Saxelby.

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