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**Leighton Asia has secured a mining contract for the Ukhaakhudag coal mine project in Mongolia.**

This contract for the mine start-up and box cut for the Ukhaakhudag coal mine is Leighton's first project in Mongolia.

Leighton established its office in Ulaanbaatar in August 2007 and has developed a strong working relationship with Energy Resources LLC, the owner of the Ukhaakhudag coal deposit which sits adjacent to the world renowned Tavan Tolgoi deposit in the South Gobi region of Mongolia some 200 kilometres from the China border and 540 kilometres from Ulaanbaatar. Through our relationship with Energy Resources and the undertaking of consultancy work associated with the mine development we have developed a broad knowledge of the project and also of the mining practices currently being used in Mongolia.

This is a significant entry for Leighton Asia into contract mining in Mongolia. The minerals and resources sector is a major contributor to the Mongolian economy and its world scale copper and coal resources remain largely undeveloped.

The work at the Ukhaakhudag mine site will commence in October and will provide a great opportunity to work more closely with the client and to pursue a long term mining contract for this vast coal deposit.

Hamish Tyrwhitt, managing director of Leighton Asia said, "This is an exciting opportunity for Leighton as it is a key component of our strategy to become a global contract miner. We believe that we can contribute to the development of efficient and safe mining practices in Mongolia and we look forward to a long partnership with Energy Resources."

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