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RE: John Holland to Deliver Devil Creek Development Project for Apache Energy Limited

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,

A. J. MOIR
Company Secretary



ASX RELEASE

John Holland to Deliver Devil Creek Development Project for Apache Energy Limited

Perth, 28 August 2009: John Holland has today secured the \$160 million contract to deliver Apache Energy Limited's Devil Creek Development Project (DCDP). The contract is for construction of a new onshore gas plant in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The DCDP will recover and process gas reserves from the Reindeer gas field located approximately 80 kilometres northwest of the Port of Dampier. The scope of works, incorporating a significant volume of earthworks and civil construction, includes the construction of an onshore processing facility with specific capabilities in gas treatment/dehydration, condensate liquid stabilisation, storage and road loadout, gas compression and metering. An onshore pipeline will also be constructed along with a connection to the existing Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline.

The contract award is the first in a series of moves to further position John Holland as a leading player in the delivery of complex processing plants in the oil and gas sector.

John Holland Group Managing Director, Glenn Palin, said: "Today's award highlights the diversity within John Holland's business and our unique ability to bring together civil and highly specialised construction services into an integrated bid team. It is particularly pleasing to note that this project will combine the civil construction skills of our Western Region business with the specialist skills of our SMP business."

General Manager of John Holland's SMP business, Brendan Petersen, commented: "This new work is part of our long-term strategy to bring the full scope of our construction services to bear on emerging oil and gas projects across Australia. Importantly for our clients, the diversity within John Holland ensures these complex projects can be delivered from start to completion by the one contractor. We look forward to working closely with Apache Energy to move this project forward in the coming months."

The new processing facility, to be known as the Devil Creek Gas Plant, will be located approximately 50 kilometres from Karratha and in close proximity to the North West Coastal Highway. The project will commence in September 2009 with completion expected by mid-2011.

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About John Holland

John Holland is one of Australia's leading and most diversified contracting, engineering and services providers. Operating across 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 experience covers a wide range of contracting and services capabilities, from tunnelling to power, water to communications and engineering and construction solutions in the resources and energy sectors; along with rail, contract mining, aviation maintenance as well as all building markets.

Our strength lies in our ability to deliver diverse, complex and challenging major projects, our partnership approach to client relationships and our absolute commitment to our people and their careers. With over 6,000 people across Australia and around \$5.2 billion worth of work in hand, John Holland has the capability to deliver almost any project anywhere in Australia.

John Holland celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2009.