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Dear Sir,

**Re: Leighton International wins US\$350 million building project in Abu Dhabi**

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

Yours faithfully  
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

ASHLEY MOIR  
Company Secretary

## Leighton International wins US\$350 million building project in Abu Dhabi

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**Leighton International, through its 45%-owned associate Al Habtoor Engineering, has been awarded a US\$350 million contract for the construction of a major mixed-use development in Abu Dhabi for United Holdings.**

The project, currently known as the Plot 9 hotel, residential and commercial complex, comprises:

- a 40-storey hotel tower
- a 25-storey tower containing serviced apartments
- a 19-storey residential tower
- a 18-storey office tower

The overall built up area of the project exceeds 240,000 square metres.

Construction on the project will begin in early February and will be completed in two stages. Stage 1 will be completed in December 2009, and Stage 2 will be completed in July 2010.

The project follows the award to Al Habtoor in December of the US\$550 million JAFZA Convention Centre in Dubai, and two hotels for Aldar in Abu Dhabi worth US\$130 million. In November the company also secured the US\$290 million JW Marriott Hotel in Abu Dhabi. The JW Marriott project, for Abu Dhabi National Hotels, represented the first contract won by Al Habtoor since its merger with the Arabian Gulf operations of Leighton International in September last year.

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### **In Dubai**

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### **About the Al Habtoor Leighton Group**

*The Al Habtoor Leighton Group was established in September 2007 following the merger of Al Habtoor Engineering with the Arabian Gulf operations of Leighton International. The new entity immediately became the UAE's largest construction group, with revenue of over AED 6 billion in 2007. The Group comprises four key operating divisions: Al Habtoor Engineering Dubai; Al Habtoor Engineering Abu Dhabi; Al Habtoor Engineering Qatar; and Gulf Leighton. Leighton International owns a 45% stake in the Group.*

*Leighton International is part of the Leighton Group, Australia's largest project development and contracting group with annual revenues exceeding US\$10 billion.*

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