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Dear Sir,

Re: John Holland Appointed Construction Partner for West Gate Bridge Strengthening Project

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
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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ASX MEDIA RELEASE

John Holland Appointed Construction Partner for West Gate Bridge Strengthening Project

Melbourne, July 31, 2008 – John Holland is pleased to confirm its appointment as construction partner for VicRoads' Alliance to strengthen Melbourne's iconic West Gate Bridge.

The project, estimated to cost \$240 million, will improve the structure's long-term sustainability and enable it to carry five lanes of traffic in the peak direction. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2011.

John Holland joins an existing design alliance, comprising VicRoads, specialist design consultants Flint & Neil, and Sinclair Knight Merz. The project will bring together the specialist engineering skills of John Holland's SMP business and the local knowledge of John Holland's Southern Region operation.

John Holland Group Managing Director, David Stewart said: "This new contract strengthens our commercial relationship with VicRoads and extends our historical ties with the West Gate Bridge. John Holland has unparalleled experience in the delivery of major infrastructure projects through alliance contracting. We are extremely excited by the opportunity to work collaboratively with our new Alliance partners to deliver an outstanding project for the people of Victoria."

General Manager of John Holland Southern Region, Peter Kessler, commented: "This appointment follows a rigorous selection process against many leading national and international companies. The new contract consolidates John Holland's reputation as one of the leading contractors in Victoria."

The West Gate Bridge Strengthening Project is part of a Monash-CityLink-West Gate Upgrade Project, which in turn is part of the \$10.5 billion dollar infrastructure investment program under the State Government's *Meeting Our Transport Challenges Strategy*. Major construction works on the bridge will commence in mid-2009.

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About John Holland Group

The John Holland Group is one of Australia's leading and most diversified contracting, engineering and services provider, operating throughout each state and territory of Australia with the unique delivery model of national specialist skills integrated with strong regional businesses.

Our capabilities range from tunnelling to power, water and telecommunications projects, as well as rail, contract mining and other services. We recognise that these capabilities revolve around our people and their ability to work in partnership with our clients to effectively deliver a range of projects.