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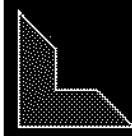
Dear Sir,

Re: Leighton Mining awarded \$180 million in extensions and new work at Peak Downs and Saraji coal mines

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

Yours faithfully
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Company Secretary



media release

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LEIGHTON MINING AWARDED \$180 MILLION IN EXTENSIONS AND NEW WORK AT PEAK DOWNS AND SARAJI COAL MINES

Leighton Mining has secured \$180 million in contract extensions and new work at BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance's Peak Downs and Saraji coal mines in Central Queensland.

The contract comprises two parts - a \$110 million extension of current pre-stripping at Peak Downs and a new \$70 million agreement at Saraji - which will see Leighton Mining strip 68 million bulk cubic metres of overburden over the next 21 months.

The BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) - Australia's largest coal producer and exporter - can elect to extend the works for a further 12 months to June 2008.

Mr Laurie Voyer, the Executive General Manager of Construction and Mining for Leighton Contractors said the new Saraji contract built on a very successful 4-year relationship with BMA at Peak Downs.

"Working co-operatively at Peak Downs has laid a great foundation for our work at Saraji," he said.

"Three years ago we were stripping 12 million bulk cubic metres (mbcm) per annum for BMA, next year it will be close to 40 mbcm at Peak Downs and Saraji.

"Both Leighton Mining and BMA have worked intensively over the past six months, looked closely at the operational synergies that can be achieved and invested heavily in new equipment," he said.

The new contract forms a key component of BMA's plans to increase production from its Bowen Basin operations. Work on the \$70 million contract at Saraji, 25 kms south of Peak Downs, commenced this week.

In anticipation of the new work, \$20 million of new fleet were ordered earlier this year and an additional 30 site staff recruited in recent months. Leighton Mining's combined fleet for Peak Downs and Saraji will encompass 5 excavators, 23 trucks and 210 staff.

Both operations will be delivered under a flexible contract delivery approach.

Leighton Mining is the national contract mining and mining services arm of Leighton Contractors.

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