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**RE: Leighton awarded A\$300 million mining extension in Queensland and Al
Habtoor joint venture wins AED 1.8 billion hotel development in Abu Dhabi**

Please find attached copies of media releases to be issued today by Leighton Contractors
Pty Limited and Leighton International Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Leighton
Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MOIR
Company Secretary

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Leighton Contractors awarded \$300 million coal contract extension



Leighton Contractors' Resources Division has been awarded a three-year contract extension worth \$300 million by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA).

Under the contract, Leighton Mining will undertake the project management, surface mining, engineering and maintenance work required to deliver the overburden removal services at the Peak Downs Mine, which is situated in the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland.

Steven Keyser, General Manager of Leighton Mining said the contract extension demonstrated the success of long term partnerships between experienced mine service providers and top-tier producers such as BMA.

"We have been working with BMA for over eight years, providing a range of services across a number of their mines in Central Queensland.

"We look forward to continuing and building upon this long-standing relationship that is underpinned by our proven performance.

"This contract extension acknowledges the great work done by the team at Peak Downs and their dedication to safety and excellence in mining," Mr Keyser said.

For Leighton Mining, this deal brings the value of recent coal contract extensions to over \$800 million, following a \$350 million extension to Duralie in June and \$160 million to Moovale in May.

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About Leighton Contractors

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia's leading contracting and project development groups with over \$8.3 billion work in hand, employing more than 9,000 people across Australia and New Zealand. The company services clients across a range of industries and sectors including resources, construction, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure and facility management.

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The joint venture of Al Habtoor - Murray & Roberts has been awarded an AED 1.8 billion project to construct the St Regis Hotel and Residences on Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi for the Tourism Development and Investment Company (TDIC).

The St Regis Hotel and Residences is the flagship hospitality project on Saadiyat Island and will comprise 380 luxury hotel rooms, 259 residential apartments and 33 luxury residential villas.

The project also features a retail and entertainment component, a health and racquet club, a health spa and 1600 structured parking bays.

Work will commence on site in August 2009 and the project is due for completion in 2011.

A spokesperson for the Al Habtoor – Murray & Roberts joint venture said the award of this new project reaffirmed the strength of the Abu Dhabi construction market.

"We are pleased to have secured such a project on Saadiyat Island," the spokesperson said.

"It was easy to recognise the significance of the Saadiyat Island project, which is primarily what fuelled our interest in the opportunity. We recognise the St Regis Hotel and Residences as a flagship project on Saadiyat Island and value the opportunity to collaborate in this resort with TDIC.

"This award shows the Abu Dhabi market remains buoyant and we are ideally placed to take advantage of the opportunities in this market."

The development will have close proximity to the cultural district which will host some of the key museums such as the Zayed National Museum, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and the Louvre Abu Dhabi. The St Regis Hotel and Residences will be located adjacent to the 72-par Saadiyat Beach Golf Course designed by golfing legend Gary Player.

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Notes to the editors

Saadiyat Island is a natural island alongside Abu Dhabi's coast and covers 27 square kilometres. It is being developed by the Tourism Development and Investment Company (TDIC), an independent company of which Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority is the sole shareholder.

The joint venture comprises Al Habtoor (50%) and Murray & Roberts (50%). The joint venture is one of the UAE's leading contracting partnerships having been responsible for building some of the area's 5-star hotels and resorts such as the Burj al Arab, Madinat Jumeirah's Al Qasr hotel, the Shangri La hotel in Dubai as well as major expansion projects at both Abu Dhabi and Dubai airports.

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