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Leighton to expand Sundrop Farms in South Australia

John Holland, a Leighton Holdings company, has been awarded a contract worth more than \$150 million to expand the Sundrop Farms arid climate agricultural operations located at Port Augusta in South Australia.

John Holland will design and construct a climate controlled 20 hectare state-of-the-art glasshouse facility that will produce truss tomatoes for supermarkets across Australia.

The operations, when complete, will harness solar energy to desalinate seawater to produce fresh water for the crops, generate heat to maintain the correct glasshouse temperature, and produce electricity to power the facility.

Leighton Holdings Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Marcelino Fernández Verdes said: "Increasingly, modern agricultural developments require expertise in a broad range of skills – such as commercial construction, desalination, energy, and irrigation – which can be customised to the specialised needs of each farming operation.

"Working with Sundrop, John Holland has tailored its multidisciplinary experience to meet the unique requirements of this sustainable, arid-environment agricultural project."

John Holland Managing Director Glenn Palin said: "John Holland is proud to have worked closely with Sundrop throughout the development of this exciting project. Together, we have built the business case for expansion, scoped the project requirements, and planned costs and implementation."

The project is planned to commence in December 2014 and is scheduled for completion in late 2016. The construction phase will provide substantial opportunities for local and State- based businesses.

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JOHN HOLLAND is one of Australia's leading engineering, contracting and services providers to the infrastructure, energy and resources and transport services sectors. Operating across Australia and in New Zealand, South East Asia and the Middle East, John Holland's business is driven by its collaborative approach to project delivery and its diversity of skills and capabilities.

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