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Leighton signs Northern Beaches Hospital contract

Leighton Holdings' company Leighton Contractors has reached contractual close with Healthscope Limited (Healthscope) to design and construct Sydney's new Northern Beaches Hospital. Revenue from the project is approximately \$540 million.

Healthscope has been appointed as the Northern Beaches Hospital operator having reached contractual close on an agreement with the NSW Government for the design, construction, financing and operation of the hospital.

Leighton Holdings Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Marcelino Fernández Verdes said: "Social infrastructure – encompassing educational facilities, correctional facilities and hospitals – is a core capability for the Leighton Group.

"We have been efficiently delivering state-of-the-art hospital infrastructure developments and redevelopments for decades.

"Serving the health sector will remain an important part of our diverse portfolio as Australia continues to meet the changing health demands of a growing and aging population."

Leighton Contractors Managing Director David Jurd said: "The Northern Beaches Hospital will provide a modern platform for the delivery of quality healthcare services to public and private patients in the Northern Beaches community."

The design includes:

- a 50-space emergency department
- 14 operating theatres and six surgical suites
- state-of-the-art intensive care and critical care units
- a modern inpatient mental health facility.

At its peak, the design and construction of this project will provide employment for approximately 700 people.

Construction is due to begin in early 2015. The new hospital is set to open in 2018.

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