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**RE: Leighton Chairman resigns from the Board**

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

A.J. MOIR  
Company Secretary

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**Leighton Chairman resigns from the Board**

Leighton Holdings Limited advises that Mr David Mortimer AO has resigned from the Board of the Company with immediate effect from today. An Independent Non-executive Director since 1997, Mr Mortimer was elected Chairman of Leighton in June 2007.

The Board of Leighton thanked Mr Mortimer for his leadership and invaluable contribution to the Company as a Director and particularly as Chairman, especially through the demanding period of the last 12 months. During this time Mr Mortimer dealt with a number of challenges including the transition to a new Chief Executive Officer, the takeover of Leighton's major shareholder and the April 2011 profit downgrade and subsequent capital raising.

"Whilst the last 12 months have been very demanding, I am pleased to be leaving after the Board has addressed legacy issues and has been able to announce a positive forward outlook for the Company. I wish the Leighton Group well in its future endeavours," said Mr Mortimer.

The Board of Leighton thanked Mr Mortimer for his great contribution to the Company over the last 14 years and wishes him well in the future.

A successor to Mr Mortimer is expected to be appointed and announced in the near future.

**ENDS**

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LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED, founded in Australia in 1949, is the parent company of one of the world's major project development and contracting organisations. We are also the world's largest contract miner. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1962, Leighton Holdings is a top 40 company by market capitalisation and has its head office in Sydney, Australia. Leighton Holdings owns and operates through a number of diverse and independent operating companies: Leighton Contractors, Thiess, John Holland, Habtoor Leighton Group, Leighton Africa, Leighton Asia, Leighton Welspun India, Leighton Offshore and Leighton Properties. These operating companies provide development, construction, contract mining, and operation and maintenance services to the infrastructure, resources and property markets. They operate in more than 20 countries throughout Australia, Asia, the Middle East and Africa from headquarters in Australia, Hong Kong and Dubai. These operating companies directly employ over 50,000 employees and each function autonomously with its own Board and Managing Director.