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RE: Thiess wins Wheatstone site clearing and preparation project

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

Yours faithfully,

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MEDIA RELEASE



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THIESS WINS WHEATSTONE SITE CLEARING & PREPARATION PROJECT

Thiess Pty Ltd has secured a contract with Bechtel to undertake site preparation works for the downstream portion of the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, a liquefied natural gas (LNG) and domestic gas project in Western Australia.

The total contract value is estimated at AU\$450 million.

Thiess will undertake the bulk and final-finish earthworks for the plant, storm water drainage system and access roads around the project.

Thiess Managing Director Bruce Munro welcomed the contract as a further endorsement of Thiess' capabilities in the LNG sector and said it reinforces the company's productive and ongoing relationship with Chevron.

"Thiess is excited to be at the forefront of providing critical infrastructure needed for this rapidly growing industry."

"Thiess brings to the sector a proven track record in managing the logistical challenges of these large geographically dispersed projects and we look forward to growing our involvement in the burgeoning LNG industry both in Western Australia and Queensland," Mr Munro said.

This is the company's fourth contract on the Wheatstone LNG project. In joint venture with various international partners, Thiess is already contracted to Bechtel to construct the materials offloading facility and LNG and condensate tanks. Thiess is also contracted to Chevron to deliver the Wheatstone microtunnel.

Work will begin onsite in early fourth quarter 2012 with site preparation works scheduled for completion in early 2014.

The contract is forecast to include 95% Australian content and is expected to create 400 Western Australian jobs.

Thiess is also completing the construction village and the site preparation and temporary facilities for Chevron on the Gorgon LNG project at Barrow Island.

About Thiess: Thiess has an annual turnover of \$7 billion and nearly \$24 billion work in hand. With over 20,000 employees, it has become Australia's leading and most trusted construction, mining and services contractor. Thiess is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

About Wheatstone: The Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project is one of Australia's largest resource projects. Located at Ashburton North, 12 kilometres west of Onslow in Western Australia, the Wheatstone Project is a joint venture between the Australian subsidiaries of Chevron, Apache, Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company and Shell and Kyushu Electric Power Company. The initial phase of the project will consist of two liquefied natural gas trains with a combined capacity of 8.9 million tonnes per annum and a domestic gas plant.

About Bechtel: Bechtel has been working Australia for more than 58 years. Bechtel (Western Australia) is contracted to Chevron to provide engineering, procurement and construction services for the downstream portion of the Wheatstone LNG Project. As one of the largest engineering, project management, and construction companies in the world, Bechtel operates through five global business units that specialize in civil infrastructure; power generation; communications and transmission; mining and metals; oil, gas and chemicals; and government services.

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