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RE: Leighton accepts infringement notices

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

Yours faithfully,

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Leighton Holdings Limited ("Leighton") today announced that it has accepted, without admission of liability, three infringement notices issued by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission ("ASIC") in relation to the earnings downgrade issued by Leighton on 11 April 2011. In total, the three notices require Leighton to pay a penalty of \$300,000.

Leighton has agreed to accept these infringement notices and pay the penalty as a way to conclude ASIC's investigation and to avoid additional legal costs.

Leighton Holdings' Chairman, Mr Stephen Johns, said that as part of accepting the infringement notices, Leighton has agreed to implement a formal review of its continuous disclosure policies and procedures.

"We take our continuous disclosure obligations very seriously and have undertaken to ASIC to implement an independent review of our systems," he said.

"We recognise that continuous disclosure is extremely important for the efficient operation of the market and will use the review as part of our program to improve the systems that support our business. We will commence the review as soon as practical," said Mr Johns.

"The infringement notices allow Leighton to move on from the events surrounding the earnings downgrade last year. This enables the management team, led by Mr Hamish Tyrwhitt, to focus on the operations of the business. They are not an admission of liability nor a finding of any breach of law.

"This gives us certainty and we are pleased to bring the ASIC investigation to a close," said Mr Johns.

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LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED, founded in Australia in 1949, is the parent company of the Leighton Group, one of the world's leading international contractors. The Group is also the world's largest contract miner. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1962, Leighton Holdings is a top 30 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 more than 53,000 employees and each function autonomously with its own Board and Managing Director.