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RE: Leighton Contractors awarded \$1.5 billion contract for mining and operations at Pilbara mine

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

Yours faithfully,

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Media release



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Leighton Contractors awarded \$1.5 billion contract for mining and operations at Pilbara mine

Leighton Contractors Pty Limited has been awarded a \$1.5 billion full service, five-year contract – with two-year extension option – to produce 20 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of iron ore at the Firetail deposit for Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue).

Leighton Contractors, through its Mining Division, will deliver whole-of-mine management at the mine, including operating and maintaining the open cut mining fleet, ore handling plants and associated infrastructure.

Firetail forms part of the 'Solomon Hub' located approximately 60km north of Tom Price.

Leighton Holdings CEO, Hamish Tyrwhitt, said the Fortescue contract was clear evidence of the Group's approach to allocating capital strategically and building a platform to deliver long-term sustainable growth.

"Leighton Contractors has worked with Fortescue to negotiate a win-win outcome whereby they provide the bulk of the capital to purchase the mining plant and equipment, and we bring our core competency of contract mining to add value for the client," said Mr Tyrwhitt.

The Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, Craig Laslett, said the project aligned with the company's long-term growth strategy.

"It is underpinned by our expertise in iron ore, in which we have mined and processed approximately 500 million tonnes over the last five years," he said.

"The contract also provides the opportunity to improve efficiencies through the introduction of latest technology into the mining industry.

"Today's announcement is the culmination of almost a year of collaboration and we're proud to be an integral part of this important project."

Mr Laslett added that the contract included a commitment by Leighton Contractors to engage graduates of Fortescue's Indigenous training and employment program VTEC, and to support Fortescue's commitment to provide opportunities for Aboriginal contractors and joint ventures to further expand Indigenous employment opportunities.

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About Leighton Contractors Leighton Contractors, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited (ASX:LEI), is one of Australia's leading contracting and project development groups, with over \$11.6 billion work in hand and employing more than 12,000 people across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Botswana in Africa. The company delivers projects for clients across the mining, infrastructure, telecommunications, civil construction, industrial, energy, health and services sectors.

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Additional Information – Q&A

Who is Leighton Contractors Mining Division?

Leighton Contractors' Mining Division is the Australian mining services leader. It runs one of the country's largest fleets of mobile plant and equipment and has more than 4,000 people delivering a full range of projects across all areas of mining and mine services.

The Division's expertise provides a full service including mine planning, project logistics, materials handling, engineering, construction for the operation and maintenance of the fixed plant, mobile plant and project infrastructure and services required for mining operations. Currently, it operates in most mineral commodities both as open cut and underground operations in Australia and New Zealand, and Africa.

What is Leighton Contractors providing at Firetail?

Leighton Contractors will commence mining and operations at Firetail in September 2012 and deliver a full service contract and whole-of-mine management.

It will operate and maintain the open cut mining fleet, ore handling plants and associated infrastructure to support a 20 million tonne per annum operation.

Ancillary services, including aerodrome and camp management, will also be provided.

When will Leighton Contractors commence mining at Firetail?

Leighton Contractors will commence mining and operations at Firetail in September 2012.

What is the length and value of the contract?

Leighton Contractors has been awarded a \$1.5 billion, five-year contract for the provision of full mining services at Firetail. There is also a two-year contract extension option.

Where is Firetail? How much iron ore will it produce each year?

The Firetail deposit is located approximately 60km north of Tom Price and forms part of the 'Solomon Hub'.

Construction of the Solomon Hub began in mid-2011. More than three billion tonnes of high grade ore have been discovered so far at the Solomon Hub, which will initially produce 20 million tonnes of ore each year from the Firetail deposit.

How many people will work at Firetail for Leighton Contractors?

Initially, around 600 people will be on site at Firetail for Leighton Contractors.

Will Leighton Contractors employ Fortescue workers who have recently lost their jobs?

All Leighton Contractors employees are recruited based on merit. Any candidates interested in job vacancies may apply through our standard recruitment processes.

Will Leighton Contractors fly-in and fly-out its workers to Firetail or will there be opportunities for local and regional employment?

The majority of people employed by Leighton Contractors at Firetail will be in fly-in, fly-out roles. However, Leighton Contractors has joined with Fortescue in a commitment to the development of a regionally-based workforce and providing local people with employment opportunities.

Job opportunities at Firetail will be advertised in the Careers section found on the Leighton Contractors website at www.leightoncontractors.com.au.

Will Leighton Contractors work with local business owners in the region?

Sustainable regional development through the engagement of Pilbara businesses is a priority for Leighton Contractors and opportunities, including procurement arrangements with local small businesses, will be developed.