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RE: Leighton in exclusive negotiations to sell 70% of telecommunications assets

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

Yours faithfully
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Leighton Holdings Limited announced today that the Company had begun exclusive negotiations to sell 70% of its telecommunications assets which include Nextgen Networks, Metronode and Infoplex to the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (Teachers'), through its Long Term Equities Division. The sale price values 100% of these assets at \$885 million.

The sale is subject to final negotiations, definitive documentation, the completion of due diligence and is subject to closing conditions such as the consent of various counter-parties.

Leighton Holdings' Chief Executive Officer, Mr Hamish Tyrwhitt, said that as a strategic management company, Leighton Holdings is focused on growing profitability from its existing capital base and is realigning the Group's investment portfolio.

"A key element of our strategy is the recycling of capital such as our telecommunications infrastructure assets which are considered non-core. The proposed sale follows the completion of a detailed strategic review of those assets," said Mr Tyrwhitt.

"We have worked through an extensive sale process which elicited a range of interested parties.

"We are very pleased to have reached an exclusive negotiating position with Teachers', which is well known for its global direct investment program and is a significant owner of assets in a number of countries including Australia. When the sale completes, we look forward to working with Teachers' as our partner in the ownership of these assets," he said.

"This transaction is led by Teachers' Long-Term Equities group, which focuses on direct investments with steady cash flow, growth potential over a long-term horizon and a low to moderate level of risk.

"The sale price represents a compelling value creating proposition for Leighton Holdings' shareholders," said Mr Tyrwhitt.

"As we have previously stated, upon completion of the sale the cash proceeds will be retained within the Company, reducing our leverage.

"We remain absolutely committed to providing construction, maintenance and field services to the telecommunications market through our subsidiary brands Visionstream, Silcar (50% owned by Thiess) and John Holland Communications. The sale will enable us to continue to provide these services, which are core telecommunications competencies, to an active market that is continuing to provide numerous opportunities without having to wholly own the telecommunication assets," said Mr Tyrwhitt.

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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 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; Leighton Asia, India and Offshore; and Leighton Properties. The Leighton Group also has a 45% investment in the Habtoor Leighton Group. These 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 Southern Africa. The operating companies directly employ more than 56,000 employees.

About Teachers'

With \$117.1 billion in assets as of December 31, 2011, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan is the largest single-profession pension plan in Canada. An independent organization, it invests the pension fund's assets and administers the pensions of 300,000 active and retired teachers in Ontario. For more information visit www.otpp.com