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RE: Leighton announces successful sale of Thiess Waste Management.

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued later today by the Company.

Yours faithfully,

R. Willcock
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LEIGHTON ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL SALE OF THIESS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Leighton Holdings today announced the sale of Thiess Waste Management to Remondis AG & Co KG for a total purchase price of \$218 million¹. The sale is subject to certain conditions, including novation of major customer contracts. Completion is expected to occur during the current financial year.

Mr Hamish Tyrwhitt, Leighton Holdings Chief Executive, said, "I am very pleased to be able to announce the successful sale of Thiess Waste Management. Together with the disposal of HWE last year, this sale represents approximately \$1 billion recapitalisation of the business.

"The sale is part of our announced program to recycle capital from non-core into core assets. You can expect to see further divestments as we review the business and redirect capital into activities where the Leighton group excels and where returns can be enhanced. Through the progressive execution of this strategy, we will both strengthen our balance sheet and fund our future growth from the existing capital base."

It is estimated that the sale will generate a net pre-tax capital gain of approximately \$115 million after completion. The capital gain has not been included in the underlying Net Profit after Tax guidance for the year ending 31 December 2012 of \$400-\$450 million. It is also estimated that the cash proceeds will reduce gearing by approximately two percentage points in this financial year.

The purchase price represents EBITDA and EBIT multiples of approximately 6 and 10 times respectively², which are in line with recent market precedents.

Remondis has received all necessary regulatory approvals to complete the transaction including from the Foreign Investment Review Board and the Australian Competition and Consumer Authority.

J.P.Morgan acted as sole financial adviser and Freehills and McCullough Robertson acted as legal advisers on the sale.

Mr Tyrwhitt concluded, "I would personally like to thank the staff and management of Thiess Waste Management for their substantial contribution to the group. I believe this sale to an international waste operator focused on growing its Australian operations is positive for Thiess Waste Management's staff, management and customers.

"Importantly the sale is tangible demonstration of our determination to execute on our strategy to stabilize, reshape and rebase our operations and to deliver acceptable and sustainable returns to our shareholders," Mr Tyrwhitt concluded.

¹ Inclusive of retained operating leases and working capital

² Both multiples are based on results for the 12 months ended 31 December 2011.

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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, 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 54,000 employees and each function autonomously with its own Board and Managing Director.

REMONDIS AG, based in Germany, generates revenues of approximately € 6 bn and is one of the world's largest water and environmental services companies. Founded in 1934, it operates in 28 countries, on three continents, and currently employs over 22,000 people.