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**RE: \$456m contract confirmed for Thiess Macmahon JV**

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

Yours faithfully,

R. Willcock  
Group Company Secretary

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## **\$456M CONTRACT CONFIRMED FOR THIESS MACMAHON JV**

A Thiess Macmahon joint venture (TMJV) has been confirmed as the contractor to upgrade the Pacific Highway between the Frederickton Interchange and Eungai in New South Wales.

Thiess is a 60% partner in the joint venture which will design and construct a four lane, 26.5 kilometre divided carriageway to replace the notorious existing road north of Kempsey.

After being announced as preferred contractor last month, TMJV and the New South Wales Government completed formalities with the signing of the contract on Wednesday 19 December.

Design work has already commenced with onsite construction scheduled to begin mid 2013.

Thiess Managing Director Bruce Munro is delighted the contract has been confirmed.

“Thiess has made a great contribution to major road projects in New South Wales and we’re thrilled to be delivering this vital upgrade,” Mr Munro said.

“Thiess was founded on road construction and we will celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on this project.”

Thiess is currently delivering the eastern section of the Hunter Expressway near Newcastle.

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