



## BOVIS LEND LEASE TOPS CONSTRUCTION LIST FOR 2007/08

Bovis Lend Lease topped the list of Australia's 100 largest commercial construction companies for 2007-08, a move up from fourth place the previous year.

The tenth annual HIA-AI Group-Reed Construction Data Construction 100, released today, shows that in a year when commercial construction by the private sector increased by 11.5 per cent to \$73.7 billion, Bovis Lend Lease won contracts worth nearly \$4.7 billion.

HIA's Chief Economist, Harley Dale, said that over 2007/08 the largest 100 companies won contracts worth over \$42 billion. The contracts won over 2007/08 by the Construction 100 were equal to 44 per cent of all non-residential construction work started.

"The largest ten companies accounted for 50 per cent of work won by the 100 largest companies, while the largest twenty companies accounted for 69 per cent of work won," said Harley Dale.

"Bovis Lend Lease won contracts spread across all areas of non-residential construction with the exception of the mining sector. John Holland Pty Ltd was second on the top 100 list with just over \$3.5 billion worth of work covering all construction areas except for multi-unit construction. Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd came in third with just under \$3.5 billion worth of construction work with the civil engineering sector providing an especially significant boost to the company's total."

"2007/08 marked yet another year when the non-residential sector clearly out-performed residential. For the largest companies, the fastest growing segment of the market was the industrial sector (from a low base) where the value of work won was nearly 80 per cent up on 2006/07," Mr Dale said.

"Total non-residential industry starts put on another strong burst in 2007/08, increasing by 20 per cent following growth of 34 per cent the previous year. Over the entire decade to date the number of starts has increased by 140 per cent. It is difficult, however, to view such performance as being sustainable given the current challenging climate," added Mr Dale.

Ai Group Chief Executive Heather Ridout welcomed the publication being released in conjunction with Ai Group. "The publication's release comes at a time when the non-infrastructure segments of the construction sector are going through a difficult period."

"While construction activity relating to mining and infrastructure development are holding well and there is a strong pipeline of demand, other commercial, housing and apartment activity are being squeezed by the global credit crunch. A lack of available funds, the higher cost of borrowing, and global uncertainty are putting a cap on new activity, as major constructors take a more cautious approach. These good results may not be repeated in the coming year," Mrs Ridout said.



**LARGEST 20 COMMERCIAL BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS**

Rank	Company	2007/08 contracts won, by type of work, \$million							Total
		Commercial	Industrial	Community	Civil	Residential	Mining		
1	BOVIS LEND LEASE	2,305	393	1,561	236	160			4,654
2	JOHN HOLLAND PTY LTD	330	315	70	2,346			474	3,535
3	LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD	801	96		1,924			673	3,494
4	THIESS PTY LTD	101			502			1,389	1,992
5	BAULDERSTONE HORNIBROOK PTY LTD	200	650	641	63	113			1,667
6	ABIGROUP CONTRACTORS PTY LTD	16	42	361	818	160			1,397
7	MCCONNELL DOWELL CORPORATION LTD				1,276				1,276
8	LAING O'ROURKE AUSTRALIA	182	796	75		1		147	1,200
9	PROBUILD CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD	822	8	21		211			1,062
10	HANSEN YUNCKEN PTY LTD	319	326	299	0	79			1,023
11	MARIC CIVIL PTY LTD				937				937
12	CIVMEC CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING PTY LTD							924	924
13	SALTA PROPERTIES PTY LTD	706	18			194			918
14	GROCON PTY LTD	110		215		592			917
15	BMD CONSTRUCTIONS	0	20	1	862			5	888
16	ST HILLIERS CONTRACTING PTY LTD	493	30	70		225			818
17	MIRVAC GROUP	56	105	0	52	503			717
18	BROOKFIELD MULTIPLEX CONSTRUCTIONS	215		122		368			705
19	WATPAC AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	152	151	40		203			546
20	CONTEXX PTY LTD	405				86			491

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