



LEIGHTON TOPS CONSTRUCTION LIST

The Leighton Group has topped the list of Australia's 100 largest commercial construction companies for 2005-06, for the second year in a row.

The eighth annual HIA-Ai Group-Reed Construction Data Construction 100, launched today by the New South Wales Treasurer, the Honourable Michael Costa, shows that in a year when commercial construction increased by 13 per cent to nearly \$57 billion, the Leighton Group won contracts worth over \$2.2 billion.

HIA's Executive Director of Housing and Economics, Mr Simon Tennent, said that the largest 100 companies won contracts worth \$16.9 billion in 2005/06, equal to 29 per cent of all non-residential construction work started.

"The largest ten companies accounted for 58 per cent of work won by the 100 largest companies, while the largest twenty companies accounted for 68 per cent of work won," Mr Tennent said.

"The Leighton Group, through Leighton Contractors, Thiess Contractors, and John Holland, won contracts across all areas of construction except for multi-unit housing. Bovis Lend Lease was the second largest operator with contracts worth \$1.9 billion spanning all construction areas with the exception of mining. Downer EDI Limited, which includes Downer Engineering, Roche Mining, and Works Infrastructure, was the third highest ranking group with contracts worth \$984 million encompassing the commercial, industrial, civil engineering, and mining sectors."

"Contracts won by the Construction 100 in 2005/06 fell by \$13.3 billion. In each of 2003-04 and 2004-05 a single, very large project has been prominent in the Construction 100 whereas last year a wider range of projects was evident. For the largest companies, the rapidly growing segment of the market was community construction where the value of work won increased by 27 per cent," Mr Tennent said.

"Non-residential construction starts have surged by 85 per cent over the last five years and there is further growth ahead for non-residential construction work in 2006-07," Mr Tennent added.

Ai Group Chief Executive Heather Ridout welcomed the publication, being released for the first time in conjunction with Ai Group. "The strength of the engineering construction industry has been a key support of Australia's recent economic strength. The industry embodies excellence in engineering, design and creativity and the top 100 represents the cream of the industry.

"While much of the recent focus has been on the resource rich states of Western Australia and Queensland, the report highlights how NSW and Victoria account for over half of all commercial construction activity, including 60% of non-residential building activity. The overall success of the commercial construction sector therefore needs NSW and Victoria to regain momentum in 2007 if we are to avoid the forecast decline in activity in 2007/08 of around 3 per cent," Mrs Ridout said.



| Rank | Company | 2005/2006 contracts won, by type of work, \$million | | | | | | | Total |
|------|--|---|------------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | | Commercial | Industrial | Community | Civil | Residential | Mining | | |
| 1 | Leighton Group | 7 | 49 | 10 | 859 | | | 1,288 | 2,212 |
| 2 | Bovis Lend Lease | 986 | 0 | 806 | 16 | 113 | | | 1,922 |
| 3 | Downer EDI Ltd | 0 | 135 | | 39 | | | 810 | 984 |
| 4 | Mcconnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd | | | | | | | 975 | 975 |
| 5 | Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd | | | | 128 | 700 | | | 828 |
| 6 | Civmec Construction & Engineering Pty Ltd | | | | | | | 745 | 745 |
| 7 | Worley Parsons Services Pty Ltd | | | | | | | 700 | 700 |
| 8 | Construction Control Pty Ltd | 461 | | | | | | | 461 |
| 9 | Monadelphous Group Of Companies Pty Ltd | | | | | | | 353 | 353 |
| 10 | Clough Ltd | | | | 160 | | | 185 | 345 |
| 11 | Salla Constructions Pty Ltd | | 65 | 150 | 61 | 6 | | | 282 |
| 12 | Metso Minerals (Australia) Pty Ltd | | | | | | | 227 | 227 |
| 13 | Waipac Australia Pty Ltd | 63 | | 141 | | | | | 204 |
| 14 | Transport Express Alliance | | | | 200 | | | | 200 |
| 15 | Kane Constructions Pty Ltd | 26 | 26 | 137 | 3 | | | | 191 |
| 16 | Isis Projects Pty Ltd | 123 | | 45 | 1 | | | | 169 |
| 17 | Australand Holdings Ltd | 38 | 126 | | 4 | | | | 167 |
| 18 | Walton Constructions Pty Ltd | 60 | 1 | 96 | | 2 | | | 158 |
| 19 | Golding Contractors Pty Ltd | | 135 | | 23 | | | | 158 |
| 20 | Construction Engineering Aust Pty Ltd | 155 | | | | | | | 155 |

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