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Thiess Services awarded \$405M Contract for Hunter River Remediation Project

Thiess Services has been awarded a \$405M contract from BHP Billiton to undertake remediation works associated with the Hunter River Remediation Project (HRRP). The HRRP involves the remediation of river sediments affected by industrial activities of the former Newcastle Steelworks at Mayfield, New South Wales. Completion of works is scheduled for 2012.

Thiess Services has been involved with the project for over 12 months with early works dredging already undertaken. For the next phase of work, purpose-built facilities, located on the former steelworks site, are being constructed to immobilise contaminants present in the sediments. The material will then be encapsulated in specifically designed containment cells being constructed by Thiess Services on nearby Kooragang Island.

Thiess Managing Director, Mr David Saxelby, said he was delighted that Thiess Services had been selected to undertake remediation works for a waterway that had such an important place in BHP Billiton's and Australia's industrial history.

"Thiess is about providing our clients and the community with best-in-class solutions and this project demonstrates the depth of specialist capabilities within the Thiess Group," Mr Saxelby said.

Welcoming the announcement, Thiess Services Executive General Manager, Michael Wright, said "Thiess Services has successfully completed numerous landmark remediation projects including the Maralinga nuclear test site, the Homebush Bay Sydney Olympics precinct and the former Allied Feeds site at Rhodes NSW.

"Thiess Services will use our experience from these significant projects to benefit our work on the Hunter River Remediation Project," Mr Wright said.

"The involvement of BHP Billiton and Thiess Services in this next stage of the project further demonstrates each organisation's commitment to environment and sustainability principles."

He said this project further secures Thiess Services' position as the leader in contaminated site remediation in Australia.

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About Thiess Services Pty Ltd www.thiess-services.com.au

Thiess Services is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thiess Pty Ltd, and has an annual turnover of approximately \$1 billion. The company provides integrated, cost effective and environmentally-responsible services to government authorities, commercial, mining and industrial clients in a wide range of business sectors, including water, energy, contaminated site remediation, waste

management, telecommunications, infrastructure operations and maintenance and facilities management.

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For more than 75 years, Thiess has been helping to build our nation. The Snowy Mountains Scheme, Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Melbourne's EastLink project, Brisbane's \$4.8 billion Airport Link and Victoria's \$3.5 billion Desalination Project are just a few iconic projects to bear the Thiess brand. A commitment to delivering great outcomes for clients has allowed the company to expand throughout Australia and into New Zealand, Indonesia, India and most recently the Middle East. Thiess has an annual turnover of \$6 billion and over \$15.5 billion of work in hand and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Ltd.