

Welspun Group announces joint initiative with Leighton

~ Consolidation of synergies in Infrastructure Business ~

Mumbai, April 28, 2011: The US \$3 billion, Welspun Group through its group company, Welspun Infra Projects Pvt Ltd (WIPPL) is slated to complete the acquisition of 35% shareholding in Leighton Contractors (India) Pvt. Ltd., (Leighton International's Indian operations) for a sum of Rs. 470 crore. 60% of the share capital of WIPPL is held by Welspun Infratech Ltd, a subsidiary of Welspun Corp Ltd (WCL) and 40% by Welspun Infra Developers Pvt Ltd. (a closely held Company), by way of an investment of Rs. 150 crore and Rs.100 crore respectively. The balance Rs. 220 crore is funded by way of an external debt.

With this initiative, Welspun Group anticipates a new dimension to its growth trajectory, enhancing a multi-dimensional presence. This relationship will create an important differentiation in a competitive market, with Leighton being technically and financially qualified for most projects in India, including those in the infrastructure sector.

Further, the Board of Directors of WCL and Welspun Infratech Ltd (WIL) also decided to re organize and consolidate the Group's infrastructure business. In this regard, it was decided that a Scheme of Arrangement under Section 391 to 394 of the Companies Act be filed for an amalgamation of Welspun Infra Developers Pvt Ltd with WIL. The shareholding ratio of WIL post the merger shall be approximately 65:35 with WCL retaining approximately 65% shareholding in WIL.

Speaking on this strategic initiative, Mr. B.K. Goenka, Chairman, WCL said, "Looking at the tremendous opportunities in the infrastructure space, it is critical to create a corporate structure that will help us to participate and capitalize on future opportunities in the world of infrastructure."

Going forward, the entire Infrastructure Development & Contracting business of the Group will thus be managed within Welspun Infratech Limited. Welspun Infratech Limited had earlier appointed Mr Parvez Umrigar, as the MD & CEO of the company. Prior to joining Welspun, Parvez was the managing director of Gammon Infrastructure Projects Limited and was instrumental in its growth as one of the key project developers in India.

Leighton, which specializes in engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracting and development of projects across an extensive range of disciplines including infrastructure, oil and gas, mining and building has the technical capabilities and expertise to augment Welspun's activities in the various segments of infrastructure development including Roads, Water, Pipelines and Ports. The India construction entity, with the backing of both Leighton and Welspun, shall be well equipped to enhance its, and the Welspun Group's activities in the burgeoning infrastructure sector in India.

About Leighton Holdings Ltd.: www.leighton.com.au

LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED, founded in Australia in 1949, is the parent company of one of the world's major project development and contracting organizations. We are also the world's largest contract miner. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1962, Leighton Holdings is a top 30 company by market capitalization and has its head office in Sydney, Australia. Leighton Holdings owns seven diverse and independent operating companies: Leighton Contractors, Thiess, Leighton International, Habtoor Leighton Group, John Holland, Leighton Asia 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 and the Middle East from headquarters in Australia, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Dubai. These operating companies directly employ around 49,802 employees and each function autonomously with its own Board and Managing Director.

For Leighton, partnering with a local partner clearly provides greater access to the market and is a strategic move which aims to capitalise on the many concessions based projects - which have similar characteristics to PPP's - and infrastructure opportunities that are emerging in India. The Indian Government is planning to spend US\$1 trillion on infrastructure projects during the XII Plan between 2012 and 2017, which should offer a wide range of projects for the new partnership to bid.

Leighton India is already working on a number of projects in India including a US\$585m joint venture to construct the Chenani-Nashri road tunnel in Northern India, construction of two ports at Visakhapatnam and Paradip, building of the US\$230 million Ramanujan IT Park in Chennai for Tata, and construction of three oil and gas projects.

About Welspun Corp Ltd. (WCL): www.welspuncorp.com

Welspun Corp (www.welspuncorp.com) is a one-stop service provider offering complete pipe solutions with a capability to manufacture line pipes ranging from ½ inch to 100 inches, along with specialized coating, double jointing and bending. With current capacity of nearly 2 mn MTPA in Dahej, Anjar in Gujarat, India, Little Rock in the USA and Saudi Arabia, Welspun takes pride in being a preferred supplier to most of the Fortune 100 Oil & Gas companies. With 360 degree abilities, Welspun Corp has undertaken some of the most challenging projects in different parts of the world. Welspun Corp has continued to further strengthen its services to become an integrated Pipe manufacturer by setting up a world class plates and coils manufacturing facility. Since its inception, Welspun Corp has consistently excelled in new business ventures and is committed to its strategy of complete integration by being a one stop solution in the Line Pipe segment, capturing the entire value chain from manufacturing of Plate & Coil to Line pipe and finally to Pipe laying. With business excellence being a clear focus of Welspun Corp, the company will persist with its clear mandate on innovation and technology, state-of-the-art facilities and global scale operations.

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