

Press Release

HOCHTIEF reaches agreement with ASIC on 2014 purchase of Leighton shares

Pursuant to an agreement between the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") and HOCHTIEF, a civil penalty proceeding has been commenced today in the Federal Court of Australia in relation to a contravention by HOCHTIEF of section 1043A(1)(d) of the Corporations Act.

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The contravention occurred on 29 January 2014 when HOCHTIEF varied earlier lawful instructions (given on 28 November 2013 under the 3% creep rule) to purchase shares in Leighton Holdings Limited on its behalf between 6 January 2014 and 31 January 2014. The variation was to extend the last day on which shares could be purchased beyond Friday, 31 January 2014. The last trade was executed on Monday, 3 February 2014.

HOCHTIEF will submit to the Court that its contravention was inadvertent. By its contravening conduct, HOCHTIEF did not seek or obtain trading profit.

HOCHTIEF has been actively cooperating with ASIC in its investigations into this matter since August 2014.

The matter will be heard at a time to be appointed by the Court.

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HOCHTIEF is one of the most international construction groups worldwide. The company delivers complex infrastructure projects, in some cases on the basis of concession models. The Group operates in the transportation infrastructure, energy infrastructure and social/urban infrastructure segments as well as in the contract mining business. With around 53,000 employees and a sales volume of more than EUR 22 billion in FY 2014, HOCHTIEF is represented in all the world's major markets. With its subsidiary CIMIC, the Group is market leader in Australia. In the USA, the biggest construction market in the world, HOCHTIEF is the No. 1 general builder via its subsidiary Turner and, with Group company Flatiron, ranks among the most important players in the field of transportation infrastructure construction. Because of its engagement for sustainability, HOCHTIEF has been listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes since 2006. Further information is available at www.hochtief.com/press.