

Leighton wins \$260m coal mine project

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The world's biggest contract miner Leighton Holdings Ltd has won a \$260 million project to provide works for a coal mine in central Queensland.

Leighton subsidiary John Holland secured the 30-month mine operations contract for the Isaac Plains Coal Mine, about two hours west of Mackay, the Sydney-based company said in a statement on Tuesday.

The work will be provided for Isaac Plains Coal Management, which manages a joint venture between Brazilian mining giant Vale and Aquilla Resources Ltd.

John Holland will clear, strip topsoil, drill and blast, remove waste, mine and conduct rehabilitation works. The company was already operating under an interim agreement signed in October.

The final agreement extended to June 30, 2012.