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Leighton Contractors awarded new 5-year contract at South Middleback Ranges

Leighton Contractors' Mining Division has been awarded a new 5-year contract, worth in excess of \$300 million by OneSteel Manufacturing to develop the next phase of their South Middleback Ranges project (SMR), 60 kilometres south west of Whyalla in South Australia.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said today he was delighted to have been awarded the contract.

The new contract will see HWE Mining (now part of Leighton Contractors) continue to manage the contract mining operations and other related services at SMR.

Executive General Manager of Leighton Contractors' Mining Division, Craig Laslett, said the new contract was testament to the strong relationship between OneSteel Manufacturing and HWE Mining.

"HWE Mining has been providing contract mining services at SMR for OneSteel for the past nine years," he said.

"To have secured a second contract of this longevity is fantastic news and we look forward to working closely with OneSteel Manufacturing to assist with their expansion plans at SMR.

"We have a great team at SMR and we are committed to maintaining our safety driven, high performance culture."

OneSteel Manufacturing aims to ramp up production of its magnetite resource at SMR to nine million tonnes per annum by July 2007. The iron ore will be processed on site at a new plant owned and operated by OneSteel Manufacturing.

HWE Mining will upgrade their current fleet of 13 trucks and 3 excavators, with 2 new off-highway dump trucks and 2 new hydraulic excavators in the early stages of



the new contract.

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