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## Leighton Contractors awarded 'life of mine' coal contract worth over \$500 million

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Leighton Contractors' Mining Division has been awarded a new life of mine contract, expected to be worth in excess of \$500 million over the next 5 years, by Australian mining company, Custom Mining (Middlemount) Pty Ltd.

Under the contract Leighton Contractors will perform bulk and selective coal mining operations at Custom Mining's Middlemount coal project. The project is situated approximately 15 kilometres from Middlemount in Central Queensland.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, today said the life of mine contract demonstrates the strong relationship formed between Leighton Contractors and Custom Mining.

"The award of this contract recognises Leighton Contractors' ability to work with respected clients and deliver results," he said.

Craig Laslett, Executive General Manager of Leighton Contractors' Mining Division, said the project would commence in the second half of this year, ramping up over a 5 year period to produce approximately 4 million tonnes per annum.

"This is a long term sustainable project. We look forward to working closely with Custom Mining to develop this great resource over the life of the operation", he said today.

"This project has an initial life span of 12 years and will employ over 100 mining personnel when it reaches full production."

Production from Middlemount will include a mix of hard coking coal and low volatile pulverised coal injection coal.



Nathan Tinkler, Managing Director of Custom Mining, said he was delighted that this contract has been awarded, saying Custom Mining looked forward to building a long term relationship with Leighton Contractors.

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia's leading construction, mining, services and telecommunications groups with over \$6 billion work in hand, employing more than 6,000 people across Australia and New Zealand.

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