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Thiess awarded \$800M Curragh North mine contract

Thiess has secured an \$800 million contract from Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd to continue overburden pre-strip at its Curragh North Mine in Queensland's Bowen Basin.

The company began operations at Curragh North in October 2004 and was awarded a \$260 million contract extension in 2008 after exceeding production and safety targets. The new contract will see Thiess at the mine for a further ten years.

Welcoming today's announcement, Managing Director David Saxelby said he was pleased the strong relationship between Thiess and Wesfarmers Curragh would continue well into the future. "We are certainly proud of our joint achievements at Curragh North. This contract not only reflects the quality of what we have been able to deliver for Wesfarmers Curragh but also our confidence in, and commitment to, the resource sector." Mr Saxelby said.

Wesfarmers Resources Managing Director Stewart Butel said Thiess was awarded the long-term contract after winning a competitive tender process.

"We are very pleased to be continuing the excellent relationship we have with Thiess, who have undertaken infrastructure construction, overburden removal and coal mining works at our Curragh North operation, and we look forward to continuing this relationship over the next 10 years," Mr Butel said.

Thiess will invest a further \$50 million in the project by introducing a new fleet of Ultra Class trucks to complement the existing plant at the mine. The 360-tonne-payload trucks will be loaded by a 110-tonne-capacity electric rope shovel, which will be purchased by Wesfarmers Curragh and operated and maintained by Thiess.

Today, Wesfarmers Curragh Executive General Manager Rod Bridges and Thiess Chief Executive Mining Bruce Munro said the additional seven trucks in combination with the rope shovel will add value to performance at the mine. It is an innovative mining solution.

The Curragh North Mine is located 38 kilometres north of Blackwater and is part of the overall Curragh Mine complex.

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Thiess has an annual turnover of \$6 billion and \$16.1 billion dollars of work in hand. With over 16,000 employees, it has become one of Australia's leading and most trusted construction, mining and services companies. Thiess is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Pty Ltd.

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