

MEDIA RELEASE



Thiess Pty Ltd
A.C.N. 010 221 486
A.B.N. 87 010 221 486

Thiess Centre
179 Grey Street
South Bank QLD 4101

Locked Bag 2009
South Brisbane QLD 4101
Australia
Telephone (07) 3002 9000
Facsimile (07) 3002 9009

30 November 2009

Thiess to build Queensland's healthiest building

Thiess has signed a \$123 million contract with Leighton Properties to build Queensland's healthiest building, King George Central, at 145 Ann Street in Brisbane's CBD.

Managing Director David Saxelby said the office tower would be the first such CBD development to commence in Australia since the start of the global financial crisis, and came on the heels of the recently completed 400 George Street Brisbane office tower, which has received a 5 Star Green Star – Office Design v2 rating from the Green Building Council of Australia.

At 27 storeys, the 28,000m² building will offer A-grade office accommodation in surroundings designed according to the Heart Foundation's Healthy by Design features.

King George Central is the first building in Australia to be publicly endorsed by the Heart Foundation, and will feature user-friendly staircases to all floors from the ground up, a bike fleet and a healthy choice café.

Heart Foundation Queensland board director Harold Hope said earlier this year that King George Central would be a breakthrough for healthy workplaces.

"The design of our communities, workplaces and cities has a significant effect on our health behaviours," Mr Hope said.

"Our involvement with King George Central will increase awareness about the impact of design of commercial buildings on health and will raise the bar about how design will increasingly influence tenant demand due to the need to encourage healthy living and the resulting benefits of a healthy workforce."

Construction is expected to begin immediately, with the project set to finish early 2012.

ENDS

For the past 75 years, Thiess has been helping to build our nation. The Snowy Mountains Scheme, Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Melbourne's \$2.5 billion EastLink project and Brisbane's Airport Link \$4.2 billion are just a few iconic projects to bear the Thiess brand. Likewise, Sydney's newest rail link, the Epping to Chatswood Rail line. A commitment to delivering great outcomes for clients has allowed the company to expand throughout Australia and into New Zealand, Indonesia, India and most recently the Middle East.

Thiess has an annual turnover of \$6 billion and over \$17 billion dollars of work in hand. With over 16,000 employees, it has become one of Australia's leading and most trusted contract mining, construction and services companies.