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## **COATES ANNOUNCES LEIGH AINSWORTH AS NEW CEO**

Coates Group Holdings Pty Ltd today announced the appointment of Leigh Ainsworth as the new Chief Executive Officer of Coates. Leigh will commence in the role in early November 2008.

Since 2003, Leigh has been Chief Executive of Theiss Services, a subsidiary of the Leightons Holdings. Under his leadership, Thiess Services has grown from \$300 million to \$900 million through a combination of organic growth and acquisitions and now stands as a leader in its field with an extensive national facility network.

The Chairman of Coates Group, Peter Gammell, said "We are very pleased that Leigh has agreed to join Coates and lead the growth of the business during the years ahead. He brings more than 20 years' experience in services and utilities contracting to our business and has a wealth of expertise in the management of service contracts.

We welcome Leigh's proven commitment to client relationships and his ability to operate businesses in close alignment with client goals."

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