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## **KELLER GROUP PLC WINS MAJOR CONTRACT AWARD IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Odenton, Md., March 1, 2012* – The parent company of Hayward Baker Inc., Keller Group plc, an international ground engineering specialist with several U.S. operating companies, has secured a key contract with Bechtel Australia Pty Ltd worth in excess of \$180 million. The contract is for the piling installation for the Chevron-operated, \$30 billion Wheatstone LNG Plant located near Onslow, Western Australia.

The Wheatstone project involves the construction of two liquefied natural gas (LNG) trains plus a domestic gas plant located approximately seven miles west of the coastal town of Onslow. Gas will be transported via a pipeline from an offshore processing platform located approximately 140 miles off the coast to the onshore facilities.

Preparatory work on this contract will begin immediately and is expected to be completed in 2014. The first LNG gas shipments are planned for 2016.

Work on this project will be undertaken by the collective resources of Keller Australia Group companies, led by its Frankpile foundation engineering unit. Included in the scope of work are the procurement, installation and testing of approximately 20,000 piles for onshore main gas plant facilities.

Keller Australia has committed to utilizing its Australian-based plant and management staff, with any additional labor requirements sourced locally in accordance with the project-specific training plan.

Commenting on the new Wheatstone project, Justin Atkinson, Keller chief executive, stated, "Australia is one of our key growth markets, and will continue to offer excellent opportunities for Keller as major resource-related projects such as this one come to the market. Our Australian companies have a strong track record of successful collaboration on large and complex contracts, and we are confident that this project will continue this track record. After our initial preparatory work, full production will begin in late 2012, running through to mid-2014," Atkinson reported.

### **Additional Information about Keller Group and Hayward Baker Inc.**

Keller Group [[www.keller.co.uk](http://www.keller.co.uk)] is the world's largest independent ground engineering specialist, providing technically advanced and cost-effective foundation solutions to the construction industry. With 2011 revenues of nearly £1.2bn, Keller has over 6,000 staff worldwide.

Keller is the market leader in the U.S. and Australia. It has prime positions in most established European markets, plus a strong profile in many developing markets.



Hayward Baker Inc. [[www.haywardbaker.com](http://www.haywardbaker.com)], part of the Keller Group of Companies, is North America's leading geotechnical contractor. Ranked by ENR magazine as the #1 Foundation Contractor, Hayward Baker is the industry leader in applying ground modification technologies to site improvement and remedial work, with a 60-year record of experience.

Wide-ranging technologies are employed in providing foundation support and rehabilitation services as well as settlement control, structural support, site improvement, soil and slope stabilization, underpinning, excavation shoring, earth retention, seismic stabilization, and ground water control. Hayward Baker is capable of offering full Design-Build services for virtually any geotechnical construction application.

Hayward Baker services are provided through a network of more than 20 company-owned offices and equipment yards across the North American continent.

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