



## **Callide C puts Queensland first**

**Joint venture partners InterGen and CS Energy celebrated the opening of the \$800 million Callide Power Plant in central Queensland today.**

The first of two 420 megawatt generating units was opened by Queensland Premier Peter Beattie this morning at a ceremony at Callide Power Station near Biloela.

CS Energy Chairman Stephen Lonie said the project placed Queensland at the forefront of Australia's energy industry, providing efficient, low cost energy to the national electricity market.

"We're very proud of this achievement, which demonstrates CS Energy's commitment to innovation and infrastructure development in regional Queensland. It establishes Queensland as the powerhouse for new business opportunities in Australia with internationally competitive energy prices," he said.

Mr Lonie said the project was physical evidence of the successful partnership between CS Energy and InterGen, making special mention of the project's safety record.

"Projects of this size and scale are by nature very challenging. It is a testament to the commitment of all those involved in the project that there has not been a single lost time injury with over three million hours worked on site," he said.

InterGen Senior Vice President George Grant represented the global energy company at the opening ceremony.

"Callide C presented InterGen with a very attractive opportunity to expand its energy portfolio in Australia. It is the most efficient coal-fired project in the country, boasting performance superior to any coal-fired competitor," he said.

Mr Grant said Callide C represented state of the art technology in power station development.

"The consortium comprising Mitsui, Toshiba, IHI and PPI are to be congratulated. Callide C sets a new standard in Australia with performance that sets it apart on the world stage.

"In addition to providing superior greenhouse performance, the advanced technology of the unit has preserved scarce water resources through its sophisticated processes for water reuse and ash disposal," he said.

Mr Grant said he was pleased with the transition from construction to operation.

"As an internationally experienced IPP, InterGen has confidence in the abilities of CS Energy and its team at Callide to operate and maintain the new facility on behalf of the joint venture," he said.

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### Facts at a glance

- Callide C is located adjacent to CS Energy's existing Callide Power Station complex comprising Callide A (4 x 30 megawatts) and Callide B (2 x 350 megawatts).
- The second 420 megawatt unit at Callide C is scheduled to be completed in December 2001, giving the Callide Power Plant (CPP) a total capacity of 840 megawatts.
- At its peak in May 2000, CPP employed a construction workforce of 831.
- Forty permanent jobs were created at CS Energy's Callide Power Station as a result of the project.
- CS Energy will provide operation and maintenance services to CPP under a commercial contract with the joint venture.
- Similarly, station services such as water and chemical treatment facilities will be supplied by CS Energy to the joint venture.
- The project is fuelled by coal from Anglo Coal's Callide Mine, which involved an upgrade of mining infrastructure at a cost of about \$40 million.
- Energy generated by CPP will be traded into the national electricity market by a jointly-owned company, Callide Power Trading.
- Construction was undertaken by a consortium comprising Mitsui, Pacific Power International, Toshiba International and IHI, companies which have installed more than 7 500 megawatts of generating capacity in Australia.
- Callide Power Plant was announced in May 1998 as a joint venture between CS Energy and Shell Coal.
- InterGen Australia purchased a 50% interest in the project in November 2000 following a decision by Royal Dutch Shell to divest itself of its coal assets.
- CS Energy is an Australian owned company with power stations in Biloela (central Queensland), Mount Isa (north-west Queensland) and Ipswich (south-east Queensland). It also holds a 40% interest in Kogan Creek Power Project in Chinchilla in south-west Queensland.

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