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Callide Power Station continues busy overhaul program

CS Energy's Callide Power Station has kicked off a \$20 million mini-overhaul of Unit C3 at the power station, which will cap off a heavy overhaul and maintenance program for 2016.

The C3 overhaul will run until 19 November and follows the completion of the \$31 million major overhaul of Unit B1 on 21 September and a nine-day summer readiness outage of Unit C4 in early September.

Callide Power Station General Manager Roy Powell said CS Energy's expenditure on overhauls reflected its commitment to the safe, reliable and efficient operation of its generation portfolio.

"Overhauls are typically carried out anytime between autumn and spring to ensure our generating units are available to run during the summer peak demand period," Mr Powell said.

Mr Powell said both overhauls have provided short-term employment opportunities for contractors with the skills and expertise required to undertake the maintenance and upgrades to the power station equipment.

"The major contractor for the C3 mini overhaul is MHPS Plant Services, who also worked on the B1 overhaul, and there will be approximately 250 extra contractors on site during the overhaul's peak.

"The types of workers on site range from trades assistants, to cleaners, administration staff and engineers, managers and tradespeople.

"The town of Biloela will again experience financial benefit as a result of the minor overhaul contractor workforce – particularly in relation to accommodation, retail and hospitality services."

The main overhaul works on Unit C3 include an economiser replacement, boiler clean, cooling water pump refurbishment, low pressure turbine rotor inspection and overhaul of the generator circuit breakers.

CS Energy owns Callide B and has a 50 per cent interest in Callide C, which together make up the Callide Power Station complex.

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About CS Energy

CS Energy is a Queensland energy company that has more than 400 employees, operates three power stations and has a trading portfolio of 4,035 megawatts.

CS Energy operates the 1,510 megawatt Callide Power Station near Biloela in Central Queensland, the 750 megawatt coal-fired Kogan Creek Power Station, near Chinchilla in South West Queensland and the 500 megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric Wivenhoe Power Station, near Esk in South East Queensland. CS Energy's coal resources include the Kogan Creek Mine.

The company is also party to the Interconnection and Power Pooling Agreement that entitles the company to trade the output of the Gladstone Power Station in excess of the requirements of the Boyne Aluminium Smelter.