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Callide Power Station major overhaul starts on 30 July

Final preparations are underway at CS Energy's Callide Power Station for a \$31 million major overhaul of one of the power station's generating units.

Contractors have been mobilising on site in recent weeks in readiness for the overhaul of the 350 megawatt Unit B1 from 30 July – 16 September.

General Manager of Callide Power Station, Roy Powell, said more than 350 temporary contractors would be on site for the overhaul, in addition to the power station's 205 permanent employees.

"The contractor workforce is being accommodated at different motels and camps in Biloela," Mr Powell said.

"We expect that approximately \$2 million will be spent on local accommodation services throughout the overhaul and there will be flow-on benefits to other service industries such as hospitality and retail."

Most of the extra workers on site will be from the overhaul's major contractor MHPS Plant Services. MHPS has a Gladstone Office and will be predominantly using workers from Central Queensland for the overhaul.

Other contractors working on the overhaul include Gladstone-based Central Queensland Inspection Services (part of the Intertek Group) and MHPS sub-contractors such as Highpoint Access and Rescue from Rockhampton and BLJ In Situ Solutions (Gladstone and Brisbane offices).

Mr Powell said regular overhauls ensured Callide's generating units continued to provide safe, efficient and reliable electricity into the electricity grid.

"This overhaul includes inspections and maintenance on a range of power station equipment such as the boiler, air heaters, ash conveyor systems, main steam pipe and generator circuit breaker," Mr Powell said.

"CS Energy employees and contractors will work closely together to ensure the highest standards of safety during the overhaul. Our focus is on working safe and getting everyone home safe."

While Unit B1 is offline and being overhauled, Callide Power Station's other three generating units will continue to operate, providing reliable electricity to the national grid.

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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.