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Putting the finishing touches on the Kogan Creek Major Overhaul

CS Energy is in the final stages of returning the Kogan Creek Power Station to service after a two-month major overhaul that brought hundreds of extra workers to site and provided an economic boost to the region.

At time of going to press, the main overhaul works had been completed and the focus on site had shifted to returning the coal-fired power station to service to generate electricity into the national grid.

More than 215,000 hours have been worked on the overhaul since it began on 8 April this year, with the site workforce of CS Energy employees and contractors peaking at 515 people on 9 May.

The overhaul was a six day a week, 24-7 operation, with workers opening up the various components of the power station for inspections and maintenance then closing them up again, ready for the plant to generate electricity back into the grid.

The major overhaul contractors were MHPS Plant Services, Siemens and Australian Laboratory Services.

A number of Kogan Creek Power Station's regular local suppliers also assisted with the overhaul, including Daybreak Equipment, Regional Instrumentation and Electrical Services, Chinchilla Fluid Power and Healy Contracting.

Kogan Creek General Manager Phil Matha said the overhaul was an important investment in the future of Kogan Creek Power Station.

"Regular overhauls are essential for keeping power stations operating safely, reliably and efficiently," Mr Matha said.

"When operating at peak capacity, Kogan Creek Power Station can generate enough electricity to power up to one million homes."

Mr Matha said the hundreds of extra workers required on site for the overhaul would have provided flow-on benefits to the economies of towns near Kogan Creek Power Station.

"I'd like to acknowledge the local communities of Chinchilla and Dalby for hosting the extra workers in their towns for the overhaul, including helping us feed, accommodate and transport them to and from site," Mr Matha said.

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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.