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Kogan Creek leads the way for industry

Premier Anna Bligh and Mines and Energy Minister Geoff Wilson ushered in a new era of electricity generation for Queensland at the opening of CS Energy's \$1.2 billion Kogan Creek Power Station and mine today.

The 750 megawatt baseload power station is located near Chinchilla in south west Queensland and sets new benchmarks for environmental performance and innovative design amongst coal-fired plants in Australia.

CS Energy Chairman Stephen Lonie said the plant's dry cooling technology would use one tenth of the water of a similar sized wet-cooled power station.

"This technology means it would take a decade to consume the same volume of water that a traditional power station of this size would use in a year," Mr Lonie said.

"In addition, Kogan Creek Power Station's greenhouse profile represents a significant improvement on the national average.

"But we have to do much better, which is why CS Energy has invested in its oxyfuel clean coal demonstration project at Callide A Power Station, which supports the Queensland Government's ClimateSmart 2050 Climate Change Strategy.

"If the five year oxyfuel demonstration proves successful, CS Energy plans to retrofit the technology to Kogan Creek Power Station to achieve near zero greenhouse emissions."

Mr Lonie acknowledged the enormous efforts of the many people who had worked on the Kogan Creek project, including CS Energy staff, principal contractors Siemens-Hitachi, mine developer and operator Golding Contractors and the many sub-contractors.

"At its peak, the workforce on site was close to 1,000 people. About 30 per cent of this workforce was drawn from the Darling Downs area and these skills were supplemented by industry specialists from around nine countries.

"Together, these people worked approximately four million hours on this massive project," Mr Lonie said.

Kogan Creek Power Station's single boiler, turbine and generator unit is the largest in the country. Construction of the power station and mine commenced in September 2004.

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