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Local suppliers support Kogan Creek overhaul

Several Chinchilla and Dalby firms are providing technical support for the upcoming major overhaul at CS Energy's Kogan Creek Power Station.

With the overhaul starting on 8 April, major contractors Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Siemens and Australian Laboratory Services have appointed their workforces for the overhaul, which will make up the bulk of the 400 extra contractors on site.

A number of Kogan Creek Power Station's regular suppliers are also assisting with the overhaul, including Chinchilla's Regional Instrumentation and Electrical Services (RIE Services), Chinchilla Fluid Power and Healy Contracting, and Daybreak Equipment at Dalby.

RIE Services Operations and Shutdowns Division Manager Steve Condon said they have 15 employees currently on site at the power station doing overhaul pre-work and this would ramp to 25 employees once the overhaul kicks off.

"We've worked with CS Energy for six years and the majority of our electricians and instrumentation technicians are locals," Mr Condon said.

"For this overhaul we're doing maintenance work and project upgrade work in the high voltage switchyard, boilerhouse and turbine hall.

"We also do work for other companies in the oil and gas sector on the Darling Downs, so our people have the skills and expertise required on sites such as power stations."

Kogan Creek Power Station General Manager Phil Matha said the 400 contractors that have been appointed to work on the overhaul will work alongside the power station's permanent workforce of 72 people, seeing the power station's workforce swell to 500 during the period.

"The overhaul will run for approximately 56 days until early June and will include inspection and maintenance of key power station equipment," Phil said.

"Overhauls are a significant investment in the ongoing maintenance and operation of CS Energy's power stations to meet reliability targets and deliver a commercial return to the business."

CS Energy's suppliers are appointed through a competitive process.

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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 and Kogan Creek Mine, near Chinchilla in South West Queensland, as well as the 500 megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric Wivenhoe Power Station, near Esk in South East Queensland. 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.