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Mica Creek Power Station cleans up

CS Energy's Mica Creek Power Station has won the GE Water Technologies Return on Environment Partnership Award for the treatment of their cooling system water.

It is only the third time this global award has been granted to companies in Australia and New Zealand since its inception in 1992.

This puts Mica Creek in esteemed company with companies like the New Zealand Methanox facility and the BP Bulwer refinery in Brisbane.

CS Energy's Mica Creek Power Station Manager, Larry Whitehead said, "We worked in partnership with GE Betz eliminating chromate and reducing zinc from our cooling systems and discharge water saving \$34,000 in the process."

"This environmentally friendly way of treating the cooling tower water allows Xstrata mine to re-use all the effluent discharge from Mica Creek Power Station as process water. The discharge would normally go straight to the tailings dam, but with Xstrata using it we can conserve fresh water."

"In fact, we save more than 550 mega litres of fresh water per year – as much as 550 Mount Isa households are allowed each year. This is important in Mount Isa where we often have water shortages and restrictions in the dry seasons," he added.

John Austin, North West Queensland Account Manager for GE Betz said, "GE Betz is proud to recognise the long-standing partnership with Mica Creek Power Station and looks forward to continuing to achieve results in environmental, safety, technical performance and cost reduction areas on site."

CS Energy's Mica Creek Power Station is also certified to the international environmental standard ISO14001. The station produces 325MW of gas-fired electricity for Mount Isa, Cloncurry and the North West Minerals Region.

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