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Overhaul keeps Callide in top shape

More than 130 extra people are working onsite at CS Energy's Callide Power Station near Biloela to carry out a \$12.1 million mini-overhaul of one of the power station's generating units.

The 56-day outage of Unit B1 is running until the end of August and is the second mini-overhaul at the station this year, following the successful overhaul of Unit C4 in April.

Acting General Manager of Callide Power Station Roy Powell said the overhauls represented a significant investment in the maintenance and operation of Callide Power Station.

"Regular overhauls help ensure Callide's generating units continue to provide safe, efficient and reliable power into the electricity grid," Mr Powell said.

The overhaul of Unit B1 includes inspections and tests of a range of equipment, including the high pressure turbine, generator transformer, air heaters, boiler and control system.

The extra workers onsite bring flow-on benefits to local accommodation and other businesses in the Biloela region during the overhaul.

Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems is the major contractor for this overhaul and additional contractors are used for some specialised work, such as Central Queensland Inspection Services (CQIS), who are part of the Intertek group. CQIS are carrying out integrity tests on boiler pressure parts and pipework, a process known as 'non-destructive testing'.

Mr Powell said CS Energy and its contractor workforce work closely together on overhauls to achieve the highest standards of safety.

"Since this mini-overhaul kicked off in July, more than 40,000 hours have been worked, with no injuries or environmental incidents," Mr Powell said. "This is a great result and we are striving to keep safety top of mind for everyone on site, every day."

The 350 megawatt Unit B1 is one of two generating units at the 700 MW Callide B station. CS Energy's Callide site also comprises the 810 megawatt Callide C, owned in a joint venture with InterGen and Callide A, which was the site of the world-leading Callide Oxyfuel Project that wrapped up a successful two-year demonstration earlier this year.

CS Energy also owns the 750 megawatt coal-fired Kogan Creek Power Station and the adjacent Kogan Mine, near Chinchilla in South West Queensland, and the 500 megawatt pumped storage hydro electric Wivenhoe Power Station, near Esk in South East Queensland. CS Energy also holds the trading rights for the Gladstone Power Station.

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