

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Successful demolition of Swanbank A chimneys**

The three massive chimney stacks of the old Swanbank A power station fell to the ground this morning in a spectacular demolition at 9.20am.

CS Energy Chief Executive Mark Chatfield said explosives placed at the base of each of the chimneys induced a “controlled collapse” of the 122 metre high concrete structures.

“This method controlled the direction the chimneys fell to ensure they landed on the safest ground position possible,” Mr Chatfield said.

“The three chimneys fell within one and half seconds of each other, like giant dominoes, onto an area adjacent to the power station which had previously been cleared of plant and buildings.”

Once the chimneys were on the ground, site crews began hosing down the area to control any dust and prepare for cleaning up the rubble and debris. Any contaminated material will be handled and disposed of according to legislative requirements.

Mr Chatfield said the removal of the chimneys marked the end of an era for the Ipswich region.

“At the time of its commissioning in 1966, the coal-fired Swanbank A was considered state of the art technology,” he said.

“Swanbank A provided reliable electricity to Queensland for more than 35 years before it was decommissioned in 2002 and replaced by the more efficient and greenhouse friendly gas-fired Swanbank E.”

The demolition project of Swanbank A is due for completion by the end of 2006.

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