

Media Statement from Monash Energy



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MONASH ENERGY SECURES SITE FOR DEMONSTRATION PLANT

Clean coal project developer, Monash Energy, has secured a site in the Latrobe Valley for its proposed demonstration plant.

Monash Energy has purchased the facility known as the "Dried Brown Coal Plant", located adjacent to the Hyland Highway between the Loy Yang A Power Station and the Loy Yang Mine. The previous owner was a joint venture between technology provider Lurgi Dry Coal Pty Ltd and manufacturer of carbon products, Australian Char Pty Ltd.

Monash Energy is seeking to demonstrate and gain experience in the performance of Latrobe Valley coal in drying and gasification, before finalising the design of its major Coal-to-Liquids plant.

The Dried Brown Coal Plant was commissioned in 1993 and supplied dried brown coal for start-up and stabilisation to Loy Yang B power station. It was decommissioned in 2003 after the power station found alternative start up solutions.

"This is an exciting step forward for the Monash Energy Project," said CEO, Jeff Cochrane.

"The coal dryer already installed in this facility is of the type we plan to use in our Coal-to-Liquids plant, so is an ideal base from which to construct a Demonstration Plant," he said.

He said the next step for Monash Energy would be to commission a detailed engineering design for the Demonstration Plant.

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