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Subject: Local workforce controls Snowy Hydro's Victorian power generation investments

Snowy Hydro Limited local workforce is now controlling gas fired generation plant in Victoria. The company is helping to meet Victoria's growing electricity demand through the construction of a new 320MW gas fired power station at Laverton North, Melbourne and the recently purchased 300MW gas fired Valley Power Station located in the Latrobe Valley, Victoria.

Both of these power stations are designed for peak power operation and will be remotely controlled from the Snowy Mountains Control Centre (SMCC) located in Cooma.

Dozens of Snowy Hydro Limited personnel from the local area have completed training in gas turbine technology and are now involved in gas turbine operation, maintenance, engineering, communication and control systems.

Just prior to Christmas was the first time that Snowy Hydro Limited generating units located outside the Snowy Mountains area were started from Cooma and by 17 January 2006, the whole of Valley Power Station comprising six generating units and twelve aero-derivative jet engines will be controlled from SMCC.

During the extremely hot weather on 30 December 2005, Valley Power Station performed successfully to supplement the high generation from the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

Engineering support from Cooma to Snowy Hydro Limited power generation in Victoria is already proving successful.

This growth in generation capability will enable Snowy Hydro Limited to expand its electricity market position and to develop employment opportunities in the Snowy Mountains region.

Listing of Snowy Hydro Limited on the Australian Stock Exchange and thus the availability of additional funds for growth and upgrading will contribute significantly to the prosperity of our local communities, employees and contractors.