

## News Release

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### **Unit 5 returns to service with a generation record**

International Power GDF SUEZ Hazelwood is back to full generation output with the return to service of its Unit 5 generator at the Hazelwood power station.

The 220 MW unit has undergone a comprehensive repair and maintenance outage over the past six months following an incident in late December 2010 which seriously damaged the generator.

Hazelwood's Chief Executive Officer, Luc Dietvorst, said the return to service of Unit 5 is a major achievement for the Latrobe Valley-based business, its employees and contractors.

"The work on Unit 5 included repairs to the generator stator, an overhaul of the generator rotor and the installation of our spare generator transformer," Mr Dietvorst said.

"This was an excellent planning and scheduling achievement by Hazelwood employees, our alliance partners and contractors to bring forward and align the major outage to other critical works required for the effective return of Unit 5."

Mr Dietvorst said while the cost of the outage was tens of millions of dollars, it was very much an investment that will "help ensure Hazelwood continues to make a significant contribution to the national electricity market".

"This return to service of Unit 5 has delivered a significant improvement to our generation capacity which will enable the power station's capacity to range up to 1740MW at any given time.

"In fact Hazelwood has delivered a record generation output in this past week peaking at 1727 MW for one five-minute period," Mr Dietvorst said.

"Despite recent disappointing comments from people, who seem determined only to denigrate our Hazelwood business, we remain very focused and, despite the current uncertainty over carbon pricing, we will continue to do what we do best, and that is deliver safe, reliable and secure baseload power generation for the people of Victoria."

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