

Air Liquide to build a new production facility to deliver carbon dioxide supply to Australian industries

Air Liquide has entered into an agreement with the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture, a 50-50 joint venture between BHP Petroleum (Bass Strait) Pty Ltd and Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd, to build a new purification and processing facility to deliver a supply of high quality carbon dioxide (CO₂) to Australian industries.

As part of this long-term CO₂ supply agreement, Air Liquide will build, own and operate a brand new CO₂ processing and purification facility. This facility will be constructed next to the Longford Gas Conditioning Plant, owned by Gippsland Basin Joint Venture and operated by Esso Australia, which will capture CO₂ from its operations and supply it to Air Liquide for purification and re-use.

Construction of the new Air Liquide facility and modifications to the Longford Gas Conditioning Plant are expected to begin in 2021, subject to regulatory approvals. Approximately 60 local jobs are expected to be created during the construction phase of the project.

The purified CO₂ will serve Australian businesses in a broad range of industries where quality and reliability of supply are a necessity. This includes food, beverage, water treatment, desalination, hospitality, manufacturing and medical industries.

Marcos Etcheverrigaray, Managing Director of Pacific Industrial, Air Liquide, said: *"This agreement with the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture demonstrates our shared commitment to contribute to improving the sustainability of our operations. It will help promote a supply of this ingredient which is vital for a great number of our Australian customers."*

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About Air Liquide Australia

Air Liquide Australia is part of the Air Liquide group, a world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide in Australia was established in 1957 and provides innovative, responsive and customer focused services to our product range, which improves the performance of our customers while helping protect the environment. Air Liquide specializes in industrial gases including oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, argon and hydrogen. It is also the largest supplier of carbon dioxide and dry ice and is a market leader in home healthcare services.