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Attached for your information is a copy of a Media Release entitled 'Origin Energy answers call for more generation in Queensland'.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Media Release

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Origin Energy answers call for more generation in Queensland

Origin Energy's proposed construction of a nominal 1,000 MW gas fired power station at Spring Gully, 80km north-east of Roma, moved one step closer to reality with the release by the Queensland Department of State Development and Innovation of the draft Terms of Reference.

This is the first stage in the formal assessment process and follows the declaration on 22 December 2004 by the Queensland Government of the Power Station as a significant project and on which an Environment Impact Statement (EIS) would be required. The Terms of Reference provides the framework against which the project will be assessed.

Advertisements will be placed in both State and local papers by the Department inviting public comment on the draft Terms of Reference. The Department is coordinating the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) on behalf of the Government.

Origin Energy's General Manager Public & Government Affairs Tony Wood said "It is planned to construct the power station in two 500 MW stages, with the initial 500 MW stage likely to come on line during 2008.

"It is anticipated that around 30 full time positions could be created by the project, as well as between 200 to 400 people during the construction phase."

The Power Station, if it proceeds, would be supplied with natural gas from central Queensland's large world-class reserves of coal seam gas. Origin Energy is also developing these reserves.

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