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## Operations update

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- **Orbost Gas Processing Plant processing rate averaged 44.7 TJ/day for February and 51.1 TJ/day since 23 February**
- **Athena Gas Plant processing rate averaged 26.8 TJ/day for February, with an increase to three wells online from the beginning of March**
- **Orbost Gas Processing Plant Phase 2B works scheduled to commence 26 March**

Cooper Energy (ASX: COE) is pleased to provide the following operations update.

### **Gippsland Basin**

#### ***Orbost Gas Processing Plant and Sole gas field***

At the Orbost Gas Processing Plant (OGPP) (owned and operated by APA Group (ASX: APA)), two sulphur absorbers were cleaned back-to-back in a 6-day period in February, with an average rate of 28.9 TJ/day during this clean. The average processing rate in February was 44.7 TJ/day, and since 23 February the average rate has been 51.1 TJ/day. The OGPP is currently producing at 50 to 55 TJ/day. This steadily improving performance is the result of optimisation by the APA operations team.

APA and Cooper Energy continue to work on the optimal installation and commissioning strategy for the Phase 2B works. The OGPP is expected to be shut down for approximately 9 days at the end of March for the installation of a H<sub>2</sub>S guard bed vessel (also known as a gas polishing unit) and the shutdown dependent components of the Sulphur Removal Package (SRP). Cooper Energy and APA have jointly decided to defer the tie-ins of the SRP package. The optimal timing of the final tie-in and commissioning of the SRP will be determined balancing plant operability with maintaining higher production rates for gas customer demand over the upcoming winter period.

### **Otway Basin**

#### ***Athena Gas Plant***

The average processing rate at the Athena Gas Plant was 26.8 TJ/d in February, consistent with the January average rate. This rate has been achieved utilising two of the available four Casino Henry Netherby (CHN) wells, with work on optimising processing rates and well configuration ongoing. Trials utilising three wells commenced at the beginning of March and have been successful to date, with the average processing rate for the period from 1 March to 7 March inclusive being 32.5 TJ/day.

Ownership interests of the Athena Gas Plant and CHN fields are Cooper Energy (50% and Operator), Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd (25%) and Peedamullah Petroleum Pty Ltd (25%).

**Gas sales volumes**

In February the average gas price in the Victoria and Sydney spot markets was \$9.52/GJ and \$9.70/GJ respectively. Cooper Energy sold 444 TJ of production surplus to the Company's Gas Sales Agreement nominations into the spot market in this period, at prices aligned with these averages less transport costs. All daily nominations for Sole customers continue to be met, averaging 32.6 TJ/d for February.

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