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Aviva commences public comment period for Coolimba Power project

Aviva Corporation (ASX:AVA) has today released its Public Environmental Review (PER) documents for its Coolimba Power and Central West Coal projects, located 15km south of the Mid West town of Eneabba, for public comment.

Members of the community are invited to make submissions throughout the eight-week public review period, scheduled to close on 23 June.

Aviva’s CEO Lindsay Reed said Aviva and its joint development partner in the Coolimba Power project global power company AES, were focused on providing comprehensive information on the project to all stakeholders including the community and government.

“We’re committed to ensuring a high level of awareness of the Coolimba Power project and what it will mean for the development of industry and infrastructure in the Mid West, the security of energy in WA and for kick-starting global carbon mitigation,” Mr Reed said.

“Coolimba Power’s team has spent many months compiling the PER documentation and working with Western Australia’s Environmental Protection Authority, and releasing the information for public comment represents an important milestone in the development of the project.”

The Coolimba Power project is located 270km north of Perth in the rapidly developing Mid-West region of WA. Coolimba consists of a 400-450MW coal fired power station, a 360MW gas fired power station and has plans to phase in up to 2.9 million tonnes per annum of carbon capture and sequestration as a separate project when feasible.

Coolimba requires the development of an infrastructure corridor that will include a 20km long gas pipeline lateral and an approximately 20km long 330kV electricity transmission line. Fuel for the project will be sourced from the adjacent Central West Coal deposit and either the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas or Parmelia Gas pipelines.

The Central West Coal Project is based on the mining of the 75million tonne sub-bituminous Central West coal deposit approximately 12km long and ranging from 0.27 to 2km wide.

Mr Reed said in a first for WA, the Coolimba Power project will be developed to use circulating fluidised bed boiler (CFB) technology to remove sulfur and nitrous oxides.

“The community rightly demands that coal fired power stations employ the latest low emission technologies to minimise impacts on the environment,” he said.

"In a first for Australia, the project will be constructed to be carbon capture and storage (CCS) ready to store the plant’s carbon dioxide through the deployment of CCS technologies.”
The Coolimba Power Station will provide approximately 8% of the installed capacity in the SWIS network and have an operating life of 30 years. Construction is planned to commence in 2010 and will extend over three years for completion in 2013/14.

“We’ve been working with the local shires to ensure that the project will have a positive impact on the community and we’re confident we can work together to deliver ongoing benefits for the region,” Mr Reed said.

“As part of our engagement process we will be holding community open days in both Eneabba and Leeman.”

The open days will both be held on Thursday, 14 May at the Eneabba Recreational Sport Club from 10am to 1pm and from 4pm to 8.30pm at the Leeman Recreational Centre.

The PER for Coolimba Power and Central West Coal projects describes the proposals, examines the likely environmental effects and the proposed environmental management procedures.

The PER documents are available for review at www.coolimbapower.com.au and local community members can view a hardcopy of both documents at the Eneabba and Carnamah public libraries.

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Aviva is an integrated energy company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX:AVA) and the Botswana Stock Exchange with its head office in Perth. The company is growing a portfolio of integrated energy assets. Aviva’s most advanced asset is the Coolimba Power project in Western Australia.

Coolimba Power is a 400-450MW base load power station in the Mid West with provision for a 360MW gas fired power station and up to 2.9million tonnes per annum carbon sequestration project. The project is conveniently located in the northern half of the SWIS power grid to take advantage of demand growth both in the SWIS and from new resource projects. It will become an ‘energy hub’ providing power to urban and regional consumers and export developments in the key Mid West region of WA. The location has the advantage of low cost fuel, available water, adjacent infrastructure, existing mining lease and freehold land and proximity to a number of carbon storage sites.

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