

## Shell, Anglo Advance Clean Coal To Liquids Project

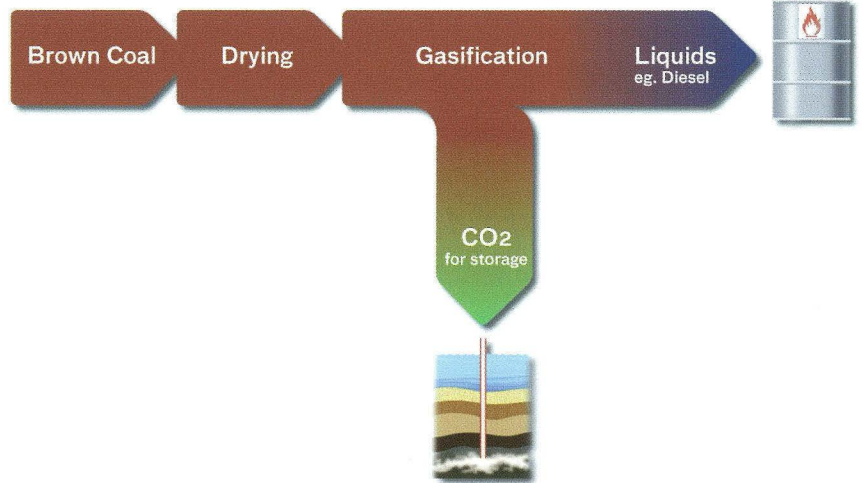
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Energy Investments Australia Pty Ltd (Shell) and Anglo American have signed a joint development agreement (JDA) to further advance a clean coal-to-liquids project, including carbon capture and storage, in Victoria, called the Monash Energy project.

Shell Gas and Power Executive Vice President for Global Businesses, Peter de Wit, said the agreement is the first under a clean coal energy alliance formed by Shell and Anglo American in May 2006.

The JDA covers a number of project development phases, de Wit said. In the initial concept phase, which is expected to conclude during 2007, technical advisers from Monash Energy, Shell and Anglo American will carry out a study of the commercial and technical aspects. If successfully concluded, the study would form the basis for the feasibility phase and demonstration activities.

"The Monash Energy project would involve the gasification – via Shell's proprietary coal gasification process – of Anglo American's brown coal from Victoria's Latrobe Valley for further conversion into clean transportation fuels, including virtually zero sulphur synthetic diesel, using Shell's proprietary



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gas-to-liquids technology. A number of locations have been identified as potential sites for the storage of CO<sub>2</sub> from the process.

"Shell is growing its clean coal energy portfolio from its strong position in China where we have granted 15 licences for the use of our proprietary coal gasification technology", de Wit said. "The Monash Energy project is evidence of our plan to expand our clean coal operations in other parts of the world and I hope this announcement will be

one of many for Shell in the growing clean coal energy sector."

Anglo Coal Chairman and Anglo American Technical Director, Tony Redman, said the corporation was aiming to be at the forefront of the movement that is ensuring coal remains an important and sustainable energy source for the future. "The development of technologies for clean coal and carbon capture are vital to addressing concerns around climate change." ■