

Linc Announces UCG Progress

Linc Energy announced in early August that it had ignited its No. 3 Underground Coal Gasifier (UCG) Field.

Linc said that the field is producing very good quality gas, which is being flared on the Chinchilla site.

Linc expects synthetic gas from the field will be the perfect feed gas for its Gas to Liquids (GTL) demonstration facility.

Linc Energy CEO, Peter Bond, said the commencement of flaring was a significant milestone.

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“UCG combined with GTL means Linc Energy can produce high quality diesel fuel from low cost UCG gas.”

Linc said that the new field will be capable of producing in excess of 250 000 M3/d of synthetic gas.

Linc expects, once final approvals have been obtained for the construction of a commercial-



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size UCG field, operations will be capable of producing about 1 MM/M3 of synthetic gas per hour.

Meanwhile, Bond has refuted comments made in *The Australian* newspaper that the Queensland Government appears to be favouring the development of CSG technology over the emerging UCG industry.

“Assertions of incompatibility between CSG and UCG are not accurate. The question is not one of incompatibility, but one of best use of resource”, he said.

The article’s assertion that there is a three year moratorium on granting UCG production tenures in Queensland is false and Bond said the company is continuing with the normal process for tenement approvals.

Queensland Climate Change Minister Andrew McNamara was quoted as saying “Linc has been asked to do another more rigorous trial of its technology.”

Mr Bond said that it has never been required to undertake any new demonstration trials as reported in *The Australian*. ■



Workers at Linc’s GTL facility.