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Downer Engineering and Mitsubishi power ahead with electricity generation projects Australia and New Zealand.

Downer EDI Limited (Downer EDI), Australia's leading engineering, infrastructure and resource services company, today announced that its engineering division, Downer Engineering, in conjunction with Mitsubishi Australia Limited (Mitsubishi), has been awarded a contract with Alinta Limited (Alinta) for the engineering, procurement and installation of a second 140 MW cogeneration unit, to be located at Alcoa's Pinjarra alumina refinery in Western Australia.

The contract value is circa \$100 million, of which Downer Engineering's share is circa \$60 million.

This is the second Downer Engineering/Mitsubishi contract with Alinta for cogeneration units at Alcoa sites. In May 2003, the Downer Engineering/Mitsubishi consortium was selected by Alinta as the company's provider for the installation of the first cogeneration unit.

Chris Denney, Chief Executive Officer of Downer Engineering, said the award of the second unit further enhances Downer Engineering's position as a preferred provider of power generation facilities.

"Alinta believes there is potential to install up to 10 cogeneration units at Alcoa's refineries, producing up to 1200MW of electricity," Mr Denney said.

Work on the second cogeneration unit will begin immediately and is scheduled to produce electricity for sale by December 2006. The new plant will be located adjacent to the first unit undertaken by Downer Engineering/ Mitsubishi, which is close to completion and scheduled to be producing electricity by mid 2005.

Downer Engineering and Mitsubishi have also successfully partnered in New Zealand where in August last year they were awarded the contract by Genesis Energy for the full plant build and commissioning of a new 385MW combined cycle power plant to be located at the company's Huntly Power Station in the



North Island of New Zealand. Their success followed completion of initial design work on the power station undertaken for Genesis Energy.

Mr Denney said Downer Engineering was delighted to be partnering with Mitsubishi in providing these services in the power generation sector.

“Downer Engineering has the capacity to provide comprehensive, high value services to clients in the power industry, including generation, transmission and distribution, power station maintenance and electrical contracting,” Mr Denney said.

Downer Engineering is a division of Downer EDI Limited, www.downeredi.com.au, an Australasian top-150 company, which provides comprehensive engineering and infrastructure management services to the public and private transport, energy, communications and resources sectors in Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

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