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Please find attached a media release entitled "Environment Impact Statement released for Origin Energy's Spring Gully Power Station Project".

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Media Release

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Environment Impact Statement released for Origin Energy's Spring Gully Power Station Project

As announced by the Honourable Peter Beattie Premier of Queensland earlier today, Origin Energy will release its Environment Impact Statement¹ (EIS) for public comment on 12 November 2005 for the proposed 1000MW Spring Gully Gas Fired Power Station near Roma in central Queensland.

Origin Energy publicly announced its intention to seek approval for the proposed high efficiency, gas fired power station in October 2004. If the project proceeds, it will be developed in two nominal 500MW stages.

Origin Energy's General Manager Public and Government Affairs Tony Wood said "The release of the EIS represents a major milestone for the project's development."

Mr Wood said "The EIS is the culmination of work by Origin Energy's project team, including those at its existing Spring Gully Coal Seam Gas operations and its specialist consultants and consultation with the community. The input and assistance we have received from the local community and government has been invaluable."

The EIS will be on exhibition until 9 December 2005 on Origin Energy's website at www.originenergy.com.au/springgullygenerator and the Coordinator General's website at www.sdi.qld.gov.au/springgully. Interested parties can also view a printed copy of the document at the Bungil Shire Council office in Roma and the Roma Library.

Comments and submissions on the EIS may be made to the Project Manager, Spring Gully Power Station Project, The Coordinator General, PO Box 15009, City East QLD 4002.

Mr Wood said "A decision as to whether the gas fired power station project proceeds to construction is not expected until the second half of 2006. Securing the necessary approvals for the project is an important step in the project's evolution. Ultimate timing will depend on factors such as the growth in electricity usage. Origin Energy will continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed of its plans as this development progresses."

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¹ An Environment Impact Statement or EIS describes the likely environmental effects of a proposed development and generally contains a description of the project, its alternatives, an outline of the various approvals that are required for the project to proceed, an outline of the public consultation undertaken and issues raised, description of the existing environment and predictions of the environmental impact of the project.