# Application of *ε*UCG™ Technology in International Commercial Projects

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### The Exergy UCG<sup>™</sup> (εUCG) –

the Source of Hydrocarbons from Unminable Coal:

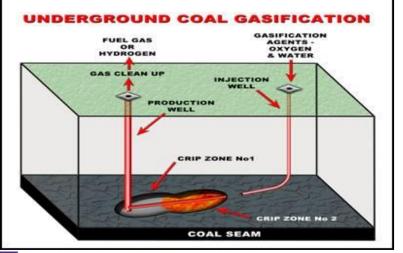
- Indigenous and safe
- Environmentally Clean and Carbon Efficient
- Cost Competitive
- for IGCC Power Generation
- for Synthesis of Clean Fuels & Chemicals



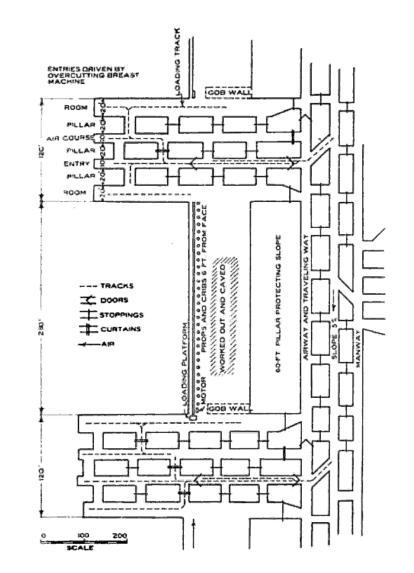
### **EUCG: Coal Mining Technology**

VS.

- *ɛ*UCG is not a 2-well process, but large-scale mining method
- Rock deformation and ground water influx management
- Injects oxygen, air, H2O, CO2 etc.
- Drilling of directional, inclined, vertical and other wells
- Modern technology based on 70+ years of Soviet work
- Average panel capacity 5PJ/a (0.3 Mt/a), 2-5 years life
- Mine-average coal extraction rates of 95%
- Mine-average cold gas efficiency of 75-85%
- Issues: large-scale consumption of GW, subsidence







### *E***UCG** Technology

Soviet UCG Program

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- Large-scale coal extraction
  - 14 plants operated from 1932 to 1996, one remaining
- 19.6 million tonne of coal extracted
- \$2 billion development cost (DOE 1976)
- Great variety of coal geology tested

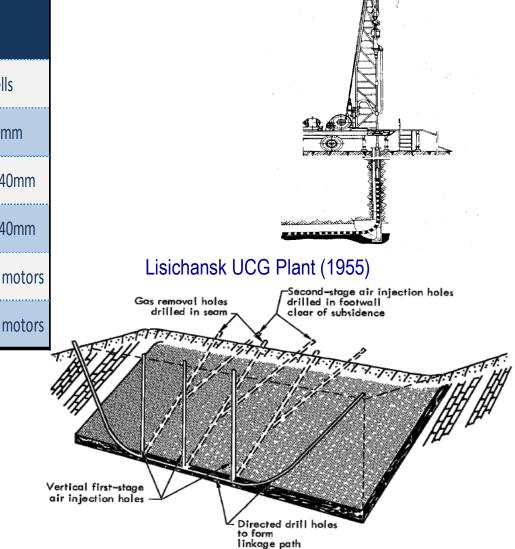
Angren, Uzbekistan: 44 years of Commercial Operation 100 MW Steam Turbine



### **Directional Drilling in Soviet Plants**

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UCG Plant	Life time	1 <sup>st</sup> Direct. hole	Total in-seam legth drilled, m	Note	Podmoskovnaya (1953
Gorlovka	1935-41	1936	648	6 wells	
Lisichansk	1936-77	1934	37,000	ID 200mm	
Podmoskovnaya	1940-64	1948	1,260	90°, ID 140mm	
Shatskaya	1959-76	1959	1,650	90°, ID 140mm	
Yuzhno-Abinskaya	1955-96	1957	32,400	downhole motors	Lisichansk UCG Plant (19
Angren*	1961 -	1963	24,800	downhole motors	Gas removal holes drilled in fa drilled in seam clear of sub
*Until 1999	-				

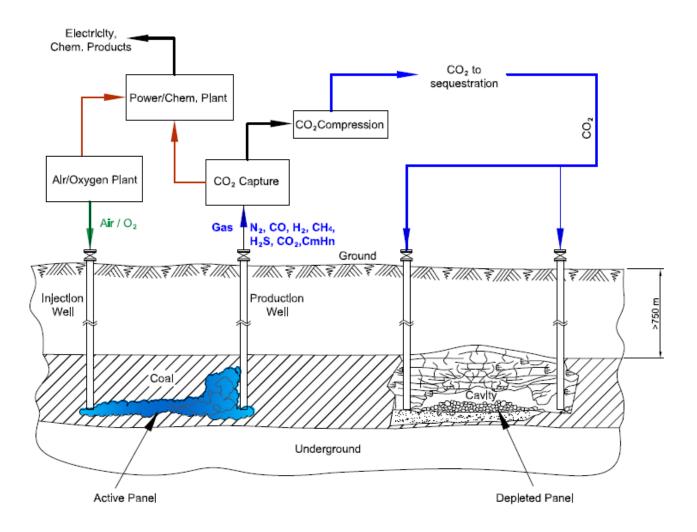


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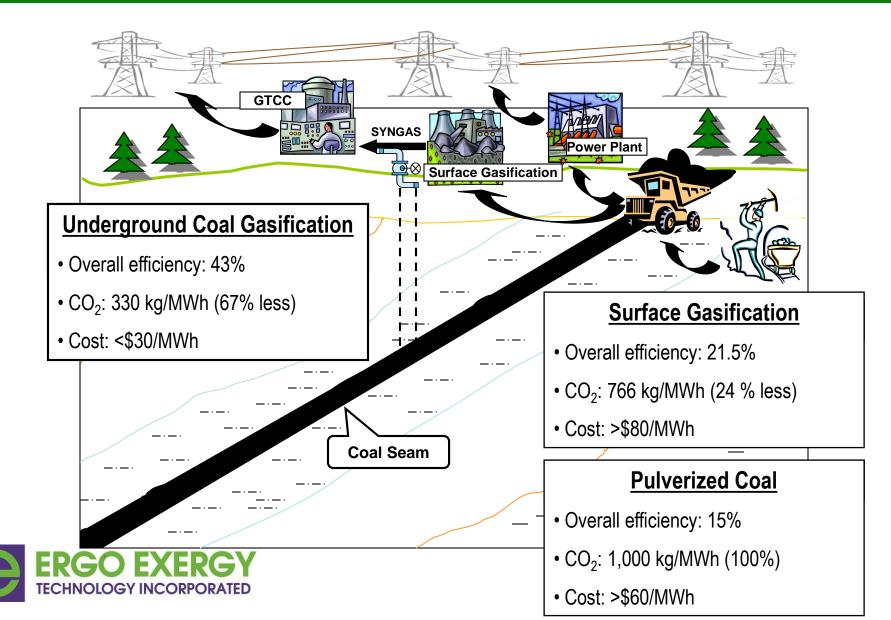
### **EUCG & Global Warming**

CO<sub>2</sub>- Sequestration

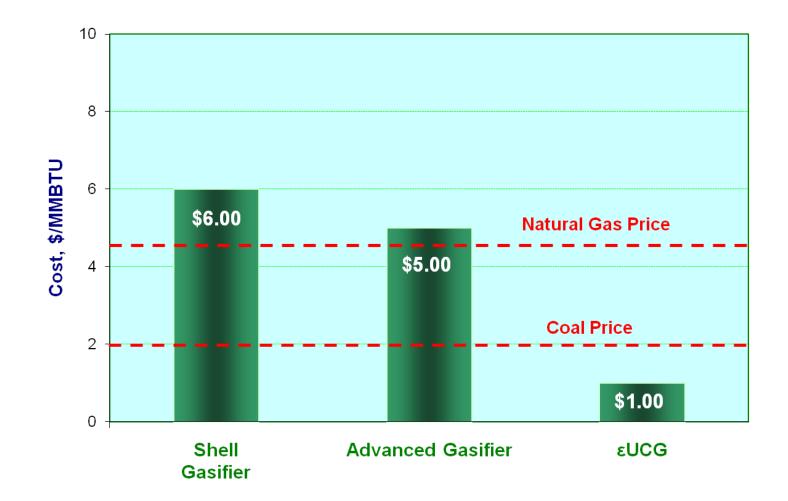




### **EUCG vs. Conventional Coal**



### EUCG Syngas Low Cost product





### Texas: *E***UCG vs. CG**

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### εUCG vs. CG, Cost Reduction

	Capital	O&M	Coal	By-products Credit	Product
Electricity	39%	28%	98%	29%	56%
SNG/CH <sub>4</sub>	55%	43%	98%	-25%	66%
Methanol	52%	49%	98%	-25%	62%
Gasoline	42%	44%	98%	-24%	55%
Diesel	36%	44%	98%	-15%	54%
Urea	29%	42%	98%	-25%	44%

### CO<sub>2</sub> Capture (% of total Carbon in coal)

	Electricity	SNG	Methanol	Gasoline	Diesel	Urea
εUCG	57%	45%	43%	43%	48%	29%
CG	43%	56%	57%	57%	62%	39%



### Texas: *EUCG* vs. CG

With the same:

Feedstock, Project location, Labor cost, Financing conditions & Market *E***UCG** delivers the following advantages:

- 30-55% lower capital cost

- 30-50% lower O&M cost
  98% lower lignite cost
  45-65% lower product costs



### **EUCG Technology** All Kinds of Coal

UCG Plant	Rank	Thickness, m	Depth, m	Dip°	LHV,MJ/kg
Lisichansk	Bituminous	0.44 - 2.0	60 - 250	38 - 60	20.1 - 23.0
Yuzhno-Abinsk	Bituminous	2.2 - 9.0	130 - 380	35 - 58	28.9 - 30.7
Podmoskovnaya	Lignite	2.5	30 - 80	<1	11.8
Angren	Lignite	3.0 - 24.0	110 - 250	7	15.3
Shatskaya	Lignite	2.6	30 - 60	<1	11.0
Sinelnikovo	Lignite	3.5 - 6.0	80	<1	8.0
Chinchilla	Sub-bituminous	10.0	135	<1	21.7
Majuba	Bituminous	3.5-4.5	285	3	20.3
Kingaroy	Sub-bituminous	17.0	200	5	23.5
Huntly West	Bituminous	4.0-22.0	220-540	0-75	24.5
CC Alberta	Sub-bituminous	7.0	150-260	6	20.5-23.0
Alaska SHR	Lignite/ Sub-bituminous	1.0-12.0	50-650	0-75	11.0-16.5



### Chinchilla I (Ergo 1997-2006)

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#### Status Nov. 2006 : fully quenched, shut down.

- 1 panel 9 process wells; capacity 80,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h, 30 months
- 35,000 t of coal extracted, over 80 million Nm<sup>3</sup> of gas, stable gas quality LHV=5.0 MJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>, p = 1100 kPa, t = 120° C
- Demonstrated 95% recovery of the target coal resource and 75% total energy recover.
- Gasifier pressure was always lower than hydrostatic.
- Three-phase gradual shutdown procedure ended in 2003.
- Venting cavity at the time of shutdown operation.
- Cavity cooling by natural water influx.





- Environmental monitoring during operation, shutdown and post shutdown complied with rigorous EPA requirements; quarterly environmental performance reports prepared by Golder Associates have been submitted to Queensland EPA.
  - Annual environmental audits by independent company Sinclair Knight Merz – during all seven audits no environmental issues reported.

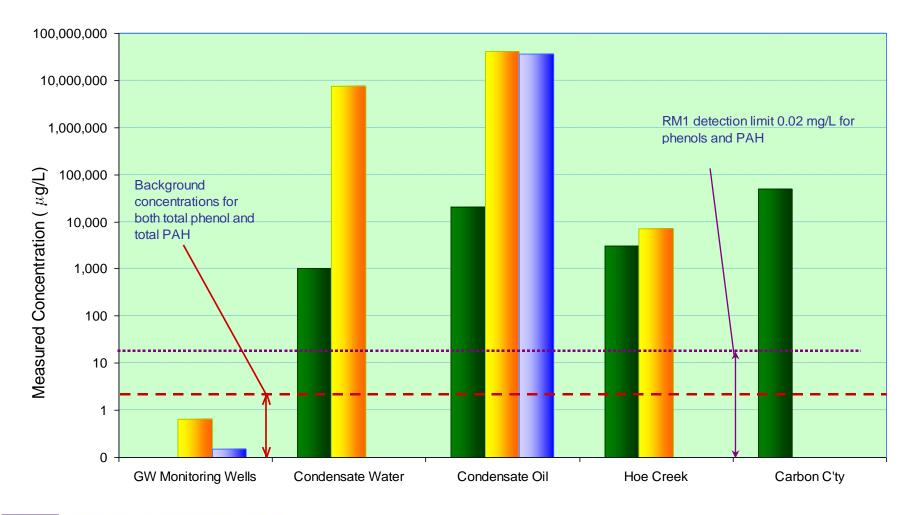
No environmental issues from 1997 to Nov. 2006



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**Groundwater Protection** 



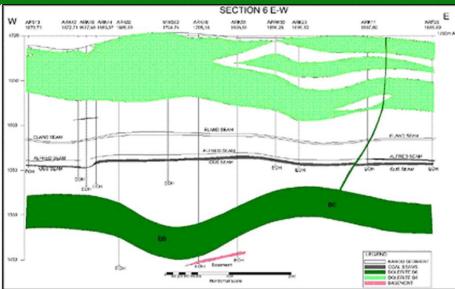


Benzene 
Total Phenol 
Total PAH

# Majuba **& UCG** Project (Eskom)

- Multiple unresolved small faults and dykes
- Very low: permeability, moisture, VM, reactivity
- Sponcom Hazard
- Overburden rock: negative angles of draw
- 7 years of *ɛ*UCG operation, over 60,000t
- 1 directional, 10 vertical wells
- Record RCL rates
- Successful environmental management
- Co-firing syngas in commercial boilers
- Controlled Shutdown of panel 1 underway
- FEED for 140MWe Gas Turbine Plant
- Commissioning of 6MWe **£**UCG co-firing plant
- Developing 70,000 m3/h plant
- Pathway to 2,100MWe *ɛ*UCG-IGCC plant







# Kingaroy **& UCG** Project (Cougar)

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- Commissioned March 15, 2010
- Shut down due to laboratory error
- 17,000 analyses of GW have been undertaken on and around the site and no contamination of ground water has been detected
- Plant moth-balled



- 210m depth, 19m thick sub-bituminous coal seam
- Partial (top 50%) coal seam extraction
- Soft unconsolidated overburden with strong basalt layers multiple casing completion
- High permeability coal seam: vertical wells with RCL (15.7m/day)
- Short operation RCL only



### Huntly West *ɛ***UCG** Project (SENZ)

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- Depth 240 540 m, very complex geology
- Two target coal seams gasified together
- Coal thickness >17m
- Partial (top 30%) coal seam extraction
- Over 35 bar hydrostatic pressure
- Very weak coal, overburden multiple casings
- Sponcom Management
- Vertical wells, Aquasplitt<sup>™</sup> & RCL
- Pilot Plant Started April 12, 2012
- 5 months operation, over 5,000t
- Controlled shut-down completed
- No environmental issues



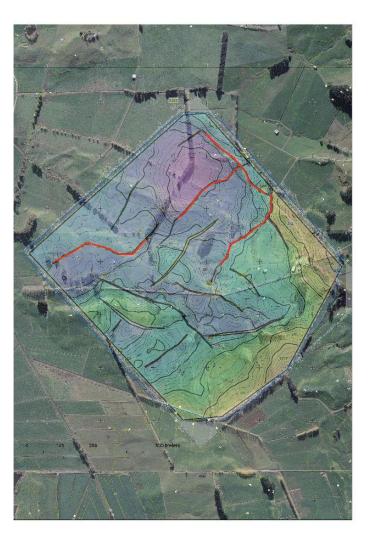
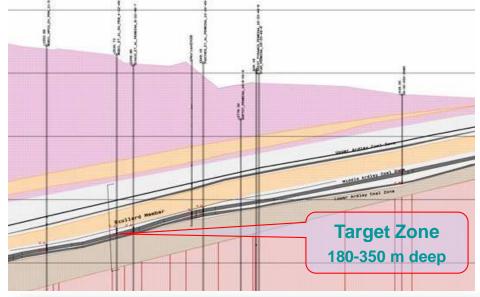
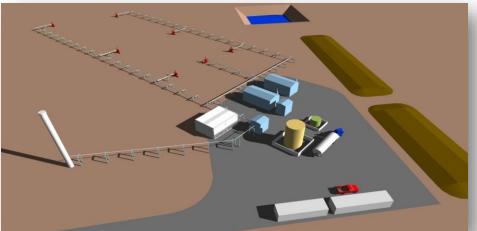


Image: Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd

# Alberta *E***UCG** Project (Laurus Energy)

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- Consistent 7m coal seam
- Depth 180 -350m
- High quality subbituminous coal
- No known faults or geological complications
- Low permeability coal
- Poor coal aquifer
- Protection of sub-surface aquifers

#### **Status**

- P-F & Site characterization completed
- Demonstration Plant permits obtained
- Commenced EIA
- Built demonstration plant
- GW monitoring
- Calibration burn pending

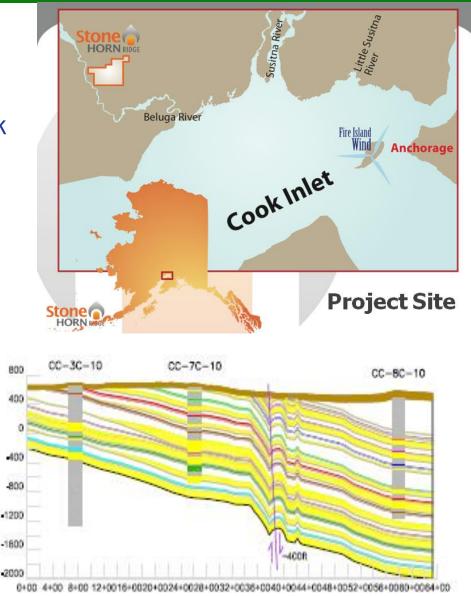
### SHR **¿**UCG Project (Laurus Energy)

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- Depth 200-1650m
- Weak, partly unconsolidated surrounding rock
- Sequence of 14 coal seams, 2 7m thick
- Remote location, limited site access
- Rank varies from lignite to subbituminous within project area
- Multiple major faults
- Multiple sand bands in the formation
- Completed Exploration & Site Selection
- Site Characterization starting

Images: StoneHorneRidge Project





### NFS *E*UCG Project (Sasol)

- 1.5 to 8m coal seams
- Depth 140 470m
- Strong stable overburden rock
- Piezopermeability effects
- Oxygen injection
- F-T syngas
- Site Selection and Pre-Feasibility completed





### The Exergy UCG Technology Score Card...

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Clean Energy from Unminable Coal

- Exergy- and Carbon-Efficient
- Cost Competitive
- Worldwide Applications





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