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Dart Energy and Maria's Farm Veggies win gas innovation award

Dart Energy (ASX:DTE, "Dart") together with Maria's Farm Veggies Pty Ltd (MFV), have won the FutureGAS Innovation Award for 2012. The award is for the MFV combined heat and power glasshouse project that will produce vegetables and generate electricity.

The project is a model of sustainability that demonstrates that coal seam gas (CSG) production can bring with it significant benefits to communities and the economy. Not only will this project produce food and electricity but in doing so it will have a much lower impact on the environment than conventional food and power production techniques.

Project benefits include:

- Gas supply up to 6.3PJ over 10 years, based on an ~8MW combined heat and power plant; potential expansion to 32 MW.
- 10x food production compared to conventional techniques
- Near zero CO₂ emissions for power exported to the grid
- Beneficial re-use of CSG water
- +125 new jobs in stage 1 alone

"We are very pleased to have won the award with Maria's Farm Veggies and see that this project represents a highpoint of sustainable production solutions, whilst also offering attractive financial returns," Robbert de Weijer, Dart Energy Australia CEO said today.

"Through other CSG projects, Dart Energy is committed to providing gas to the domestic market in NSW which will help ease the pressure on households from rising gas and electricity prices," Mr de Weijer said.

Dart Energy will start work on its coal seam gas production pilot near Maria's Farm Veggies once formal approvals have been received.

FutureGAS is the annual gas conference organised by *Gas Today* magazine.

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