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Environmental Improvement Projects at QAL Continue

Queensland Alumina Limited's (QAL) environmental improvement program has again progressed with the successful installation of another \$7 million baghouse to reduce fly ash emissions.

QAL Health, Safety, Environment and Communities Manager Mr Ross Greenhalgh said the recent installation of a baghouse on Boiler 5 is a significant milestone in the project's three year history.

"This installation means that the centre stack now has two baghouses attached to it eliminating visible emissions", he said.

"With five baghouses now installed, we are nearing the end of a four year planned project meaning reductions in visible stack emissions are becoming more noticeable," Mr Greenhalgh said.

"As each boiler comes off line for its four yearly statutory maintenance shutdown we install these dust collection units which reduce fly ash emissions from around 80mg/Nm³ to less than 20mg/Nm³. At these levels, stack emissions are not visible," he said.

The progressive installation of baghouses on the seven boilers at QAL is part of a \$233 million investment into environmental improvement.

A baghouse acts like a vacuum cleaner bag, filtering fly ash from the boiler flue gases before they are released into the atmosphere.

The baghouse project will be complete by March 2007 when the last boiler is converted.

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