



AvK[®] PRIME POWER



Case history

MPower

Where:
Barrow Island, Western Australia

Specified:
12 x 2,750kVA gensets with AvK DIG 140
11kV alternators operating in island mode

Purpose:
Supplying continuous power 24/7 for
seven years supporting construction of
one of the world's largest natural gas
projects

Customised AvK alternator design powers Australian LNG development

A massive project is underway off the coast of Western Australia, building one of the world's largest natural gas projects. The Chevron-operated Gorgon Project is developing the Gorgon and Jansz-Lo gas fields. It includes the construction of a three-train, 15.6 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility on Barrow Island and a domestic gas plant with the capacity to provide 300 terajoules per day of gas.

Barrow Island is remote, and building the new facility needs power. Contractor MPower is building the power plant to supply this for a scheduled seven year construction period, and has already begun installing twelve generating sets to fill the need. There is no grid supply to Barrow Island so the gensets need to operate in island mode. And as well as working efficiently in the hot, dry climate, they must also be environmentally friendly as Barrow Island is a Class A Nature Reserve.

STAMFORD | AvK provided reliable and professional technical advice allowing progress without any delays

Mpower selected STAMFORD | AvK as its alternator supplier for its proven and reliable products, reinforced by its experiences of working together since as far back as 1984. For the Gorgon Project, Mpower had specific requirements for staged delivery, DNV Certification and Closed Air Circuit Air (CACA) coolers. To provide the 24 MW of continuous power it needed, Mpower specified 12 x 2,750kVA gensets - capable of delivering a total of 33 MW - equipped with MTU 20V400G63L engines and 11 kV AvK DIG 140k-4L alternators.

The alternators supported by CACA coolers and mounted with electric motor driven fans, are rated up to 45°C ambient and can thus cope with the high ambient temperatures typical for Barrow Island. The AvK alternator blueprint features sleeve bearings with oil supply from prime movers with an oil cooling system, AVR with 'Black start' capability, vibration probe fixtures for customer vibration monitoring system, and separate 'Live' and 'Neutral' side terminal box. The entire solution is supplied containerised, accommodating the width and vertical height requirements for the CACA coolers, and meeting the project's quarantine requirements. Each alternator is vermin proofed, sealed, managed for condensation and fully cleaned prior to delivery.

Working on a large scale project can present many challenges and technical issues, which STAMFORD | AvK has provided reliable, professional technical advice. A prompt flow of information in a timely manner that allowed M Power to progress with the project without any delays.

Thanks to STAMFORD | AvK, Mpower has been able to supply a power station that can power the entire gas processing plant on Barrow Island during the project's construction and commissioning phase. 12 containerised gensets have been shipped to Barrow Island so far.

The Gorgon Project is operated by an Australian subsidiary of Chevron and is a joint venture of the Australian subsidiaries of Chevron (47.3 percent), ExxonMobil (25 percent), Shell (25 percent), Osaka Gas (1.25 percent), Tokyo Gas (1 percent) and Chubu Electric Power (0.417 percent).

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