

## Westralian Gas & Power deal with Oswal

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Diversified energy company Westralian Gas and Power (WGP) has entered into a gas exploration deal with a private resources company owned by India-born billionaire, Pankaj Oswal, Oswal Resources Pty Ltd.

Mr Oswal is well known in Western Australia for making the biggest single Indian investment in Australia, the \$700 million Burrup Fertilisers liquid ammonia production facility near Karratha.

Oswal Resources' memorandum of understanding with WGP covers all onshore WA resource properties held by WGP, which profitably produces oil from several low-volume wells in Kentucky in the United States.

Oswal Resources will fully fund exploration of WGP's coal seam gas leases in WA's south west to bankable feasibility studies.

The deal also includes conventional hydrocarbon exploration and underground coal gasification prospects.

As well, WGP holds several mineral leases in the Collie coal mining district, which hold significant reserves of coal.

WGP chairman Peter Briggs said 25 per cent of gas reserves would be retained by WGP.

"Western Australia urgently requires alternative gas resources which can provide a diversity of supply so that we don't again experience the power problems of recent months," Mr Briggs said.

"Oswal Resources will provide an excellent strategic partnership."

Shares in WGP were untraded at six cents at 1239 AEST on Monday.