

## Perdaman, uni in 5-year deal

A MEMORANDUM of understanding to cooperate on coal gasification research and development has been signed by Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers (PCF) and Curtin University of Technology.

The five-year deal will give PCF access to expertise and facilities at the Curtin Centre for Advanced Energy Science and Engineering, led by Professors Chun-Zhu Li and Hongwei Wu.

PCF intends using innovative clean coal gasification technology to transform sub-bituminous coal into urea.

PCF chairman and managing director Vikas Rambal said he hoped the deal would be the start of a long-term relationship to develop gasification and allow students to put theory into practice.

“This agreement is mutually beneficial for both parties and provides clear benefits for local industry.”

Curtin Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research And Development, Professor Linda Kristjanson, said the centre had some of the world’s leading expertise in coal and biomass gasification. “This team also has seven years of experience working with Collie coal, which will be invaluable as Perdaman builds its operations.”