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Eminent Australian Scientist, Robin Batterham AO, joins CO₂ innovator's board

Australian company MBD Energy Limited, which proposes to recycle waste CO₂ emissions from coal fired power stations and other forms of heavy industry into commercial production of algae biomass, has appointed Australia's former Chief Scientist, Robin Batterham AO, to its Board as a non-executive director.

A renowned scientific leader, Robin Batterham (AO, BE, PhD, LL.D (Hon. Melb), DSc (Hon. UTS), Hon DEngin (Qld), FAA, FTSE, FREng, FNAE, FSATW, FAusIMM, FIChemE, FISS, FAIM, FAICD, FIEAust, CE, CPE, CSci, AMusA) has had a long and distinguished career specialising in chemical engineering. He served as Chief Scientist of Australia from 1999 to 2006 and is the current President of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

He has contributed significantly to research and development in the chemical and sugar industries and to the advancement of Australia's mining and metals industries. He has been responsible for the implementation of new processes as well as significant work in process improvement, particularly process control and modelling.

He has held positions at the CSIRO, Rio Tinto (including VP Resource and Processing Developments, VP Research and Development, Global Practice Leader Innovation), Comalco (MD Research and Technology). Robin Batterham has served as the Kernot Professor of Engineering at the University of Melbourne since 2010.

The board of MBD Energy Limited, an Australian public unlisted company, is chaired by Jerry Ellis (a former chairman of BHP). Cornerstone investors include Anglo American and The Sentient Group.

The company has designed and is presently constructing a 1 hectare Algal Synthesiser Display Plant that will trial the CO₂ recycling process at Tarong Power Station, north west of Brisbane. The facility is scheduled for completion later this year.

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