

1 Q. Reference: Gas Turbine Failure Analysis - Final Report, January 11, 2017, Alba Power  
2 Ltd. Report, page 10. Alba Power indicates that a step change in temperature  
3 spreads, such as the 20°C experienced at Hardwoods, “is considered significant,”  
4 but that Hydro ran the engine for another 2-3 days before failure. This seems to  
5 contradict Hydro’s explanation on page 2, lines 23-26 of its report, which suggests  
6 that the unit was removed from service with the burners cleaned and replaced  
7 before the unit was made available for service. Please clarify Hydro’s description of  
8 events prior to the Hardwoods failure.

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11 A. Hydro’s description of the events prior to the failure of 202205 are as follows:

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13 February 3, 2016, 23:48 Hardwoods End A and B placed online for generation.

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15 February 5, 2016, Midday Increase in Exhaust Gas Temperatures (EGT) spread  
16 deviation noted on 202205 (End A) but still under the  
17 alarm limits.

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19 February 6, 2017, 09:16 Both engines removed from service to top up lube oil  
20 reservoirs as a normal maintenance measure  
21 following a number of running hours and unrelated to  
22 EGT spread.

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24 February 6, 2016, 11:38 202205 placed back in service.

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1	February 6, 2016, 11:56	202205 removed from service due to high EGT spread
2		deviation. Condition of thermocouples inspected and
3		testing completed. Alba Power contacted by phone
4		for technical direction for troubleshooting and testing
5		throughout the weekend. Thermocouple testing was
6		completed.
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8	February 6, 2016, 14:58	Unit placed online for operation.
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10	February 6, 2016, 17:05	Unit shut down due to high temperature.
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12	February 6, 2016, 22:19	202205 placed online to test if any improvement in
13		EGT spread deviation noted. No improvement in
14		temperatures noted, 202205 shut down overnight.
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16	February 7, 2016	Burners removed, cleaned and reinstalled. Further
17		thermocouple testing was completed. Bad cabling
18		was suspected as a potential cause of temperature
19		issues. Results of findings discussed with Alba Power.
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21	February 7, 2016	Further testing runs completed overnight. One
22		thermocouple rejected from EGT spread deviation
23		calculation due to suspected wiring issues. Rejection
24		of a thermocouple is within original equipment
25		manufacturer recommended operating limits.

1	February 7, 2016, 03:37	Placed online for generation. Spread noted to be 35°C
2		overnight.
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4	February 8, 2016, 15:00	202205 spread deviation noted to be increasing near
5		50°C, the alarm set point.
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7	February 8, 2016, 15:23	202205 engine shut down initiated. Engine failed
8		during shut down.