

# Is there a future for coal?

The word 'coal' usually conjures up images of old smoke-filled stoves. Most people think of coal as an old-fashioned fuel. But is this really the case? The fact is that global demand for energy is continuing to grow and we simply cannot afford to do without fossil fuels at the moment. Even in 2020, we will still be dependent on oil, gas and coal for about 80% of our energy requirements. However, we will need to burn them much more cleanly than before. That is why Nuon and the Dutch government have launched a pilot project to capture CO<sub>2</sub>. If it succeeds, Nuon will be the first company in the world to apply this technique on a large scale in a coal gasification plant, for example at the new power station in the Dutch port of Eemshaven. We are thus well on the way to making our existing fossil fuels as clean as possible, not least for future generations.

