

**ERA****Energy Resources of Australia Ltd**

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**COURT ACTION AGAINST ERA**

ERA was fined \$82,500 in the Darwin Magistrate's Court today after having pleaded guilty to a charge brought by the Northern Territory's Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines under the Mining Management Act. The maximum fine for the charge was \$275,000 and the minimum was \$27,500.

The charge relates to an incident in July 2004 when a fitter was injured in the Ranger mine processing plant.

ERA Chief Executive, Harry Kenyon-Slaney, said he deeply regretted the incident and the company had taken steps to prevent a recurrence.

"As we state in our safety and health policy, our goal is to ensure that no-one comes to any harm while working for the company. Since the incident about 18 months ago ERA has introduced a comprehensive set of measures designed to deliver on this goal. I welcome the Court's finding that; 'ERA was and remains seriously focused on the eradication of unsafe practices in its workplace'," Mr Kenyon-Slaney said.

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