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**NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR RANGER MINE**

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd Chief Executive Harry Kenyon-Slaney announced today that a \$28 million water treatment plant will be built at the Ranger uranium mine, following approval by the Northern Territory Government.

Mr Kenyon-Slaney welcomed the Territory Government's approval for the project, which has been in the planning stage for several years. "This project is a milestone for environmental management at Ranger, increasing the efficiency of our water treatment process. It will allow us more flexibility in our mining operations, and will assist us as we move towards the rehabilitation of the minesite."

The new plant will treat pond and process water used at the Ranger operations, removing impurities and leading to a reduction of water retained on site. The plant will process seven megalitres of pond water daily during the wet season, and 1000 megalitres of process water annually for discharge into constructed wetlands and ponds on the minesite.

Strict monitoring by Federal and Territory officials of plant operations and the management of all water discharged will continue.

The construction project will employ up to 75 people at its peak in the 2005 dry season, and will maximise input from Territory companies. The project will commence in March and is expected to be completed by November 2005.

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