

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

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## Media Release

### ERA scoops NT Export and Industry Award

For the second year running Darwin based mining company Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) has won Exporter of Year and Mining and Energy Award at the 2009 Northern Territory Chief Minister's Export and Industry Awards.

The Export and Industry Awards recognise innovation, hard work and success of businesses in reaching new markets, and acknowledge the contribution of Territory businesses to the local economy through job creation and community investment.

ERA's Ranger mine has been operating since 1980, and is Australia's largest uranium mine in the world producing 10 per cent of world's supply of mined uranium.

Uranium sold by ERA is used only for the generation of nuclear electricity under strict international safeguards monitored by the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In 2008, ERA contributed \$246 million to the Northern Territory economy.

For the first six months of 2009, ERA announced a profit of \$127.6 million, an increase of over 200 per cent compared to the same period in 2008 (\$38.9 million).

ERA's opportunities for growth also continue as the company prepares an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed Heap Leach Facility as well as advancing work on a planned exploration decline.

ERA's Chief Financial Officer, Steeve Thibeault said he was pleased and proud to accept the award on behalf of ERA's 528-strong workforce.

"We are a 100 per cent export company, and I would like to recognise the great contribution our employees have made in meeting our goals for supplying customers in America, Asia and Europe," Mr Thibeault said.

Last month the company celebrated a major milestone achieving an Indigenous workforce of more than 100 employees.

"Our workforce consists of around 20 per cent of employees who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander making us one of the most significant employers of Indigenous people in Australia," Mr Thibeault said.

"We are very proud of what we have achieved in Indigenous employment and we intend to build on existing programmes to ensure we continue to go from strength to strength.

"With a growing workforce and a desire to see even more of the economic benefits from our business retained in the local region, we are determined to build on this strong performance in the years ahead."

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For further information on the company's activities please access ERA's website at [www.energyres.com.au](http://www.energyres.com.au)