

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

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## **Media Release and Stock Exchange Announcement**

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### **WEATHER IMPACTS ERA OPERATIONS**

A tropical low pressure system which led to the formation of cyclone George resulted in nearly 850 millimetres of rain falling over Energy Resources of Australia Ltd's Ranger operation in the seven days to 4 March. In one 72-hour period alone, a total of 750 millimetres fell. The area has received 1,600 millimetres to date this year, which is above the total annual average rainfall.

ERA has declared *force majeure* on its sales contracts as a result of the effect of the rainfall on production at the Ranger mine and processing plant.

As advised to ASX on 1 March, mining operations ceased on 27 February as is normal practice during high rainfall and the plant was shut down in a planned manner on 28 February.

The mine has restarted operations today and the processing plant is expected to restart within the next week.

First quarter production is estimated to be between 20 and 30 per cent lower than in the corresponding period last year. The impact of the water level in the operating pit is still being assessed, however production will be impacted in the second half of 2007.

In spite of the high rainfall, water inventories at the mine site have been managed effectively and there has been no adverse environmental impact.

Access to and from the Ranger mine and the nearby township of Jabiru remains restricted by highway closures and load limitations due to the widespread flooding in the region.

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